

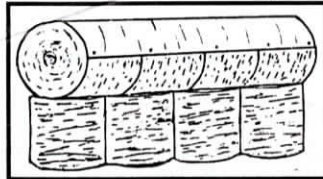
front gang so that it throws dirt to the center just like the rear gang. I made the modification by putting the left front gang on the right side and the right front gang on the left side. (Dale L. Orman, 1300 Timber Run Dr., St. Louis, Mo. 63146)

We used an old wagon running gear and frame to make a cheap, sturdy deck for outside our kitchen door. It's about 8 by 10



ft. in size. Wheels are still on the axle under the deck, although they might not show up in the photo. (Paul Sparrow, Rt. 1, Zearing, Iowa 50278 ph 515 487-7549)

We have a new round bale tarp designed to cover a single row of bales. It's made of UV resistant fabric with a 5 to 7 year expected life, and is held in place by 16-in.



long tarp pins. We make the tarp in 60-ft. lengths in 8, 9 or 10-ft. widths. They sell for \$96.25, \$108.25 and \$120.28, respectively. We recommend 26 hold-down pins per tarp, which sell for \$20.28. You can put the tarp over a single row of bales lying on the ground, or set up a double pile - with the lower row of bales standing on end and a row on top on their sides, and just cover the top row. Custom sizes also available. (Inland Tarp & cover, Inc., Box 193, 15 N. 3rd St., Almira, Wash. 99103 (ph 800 346-7744 or 509 639-2355; fax 509 639-2354)

A few issues ago a man from Templeton, Penn., wrote a letter to FARM SHOW trying to locate a "Reclamo Oil Filter-Refiner" that used to be manufactured in Chicago, Ill., by the Swalge Co. Our firm distributed these in Western Pennsylvania for several years and we still have two good used ones in stock that we'd be willing to sell. (Artherholt Bros., Rt. 2, Box 51, Transfer, Penn. 16154)

I'd like to tell your readers about our "best buy". Five years ago we joined the International Agricultural Exchange Association and since then we have had 8 "trainees" (4 girls and 4 boys) from Australia and New Zealand. They have been fantastic help as all are ranch raised and have therefore have plenty of farm experience. They come here to learn about agriculture in a different country, see the sights, and have a good time. They're from 18 to 30 years old and come from Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Europe, Canada, and Japan. They come in February or March and leave in November so they're here when you most need them. The reason I call the program our "best buy" is because you pay them an allowance instead of a full wage, and you

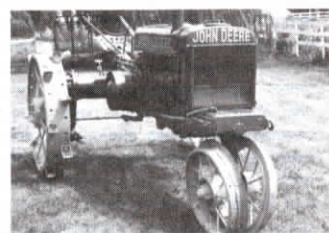
supply their board, room, and workman's comp. You don't have to pay FICA or federal withholding taxes. They're a great help and become a part of your family when they stay with you that long. We keep in touch with all our old trainees and their families.

American youth can also go to foreign countries and work for host families there. I'm so excited about IAEA I was elected national promotion coordinator for the U.S. It's a voluntary position but the program is such a great opportunity for American families and for our youth that I just had to spread the word. Anyone looking for more information can contact me. (Lois Hill, Box 108, Geysler, Mont. 59447 ph 800 531-4484; fax 406735-4487)

We really appreciated FARM SHOW's article about my husband Don Queal's self-propelled "Tree Machine" (Vol. 19, No. 1). Since the article came out we've received a number of calls from people interested in our heavy-duty brush cutters which can clear 400 to 500 6 to 12-in. dia. trees per hour. However, the phone number you listed in the article was not correct. For anyone interested in discussing the "Tree Machine" with Don, the correct number is (316) 893-2479. (Donna Queal, 80425 SW 50th Ave., Coats, Kan. 67028)

I was always breaking the glass out of the big back window of the cab on my Deere 4230. That was usually my own fault from raising my backhoe too high. But I finally discovered a solution to my problem when a salesperson at a Harmon Glass store suggested I replace the window with "bullet proof glass." The product, Lexan, is 1/4-in. thick, flexes 1 to 2 in. and costs \$130 compared with regular Deere cab glass at \$120. Since I replaced the window with Lexan a year and a half ago, I would surely have broken the window at least twice had it been conventional glass. As it was, there was no damage. The only problem I foresee is that the plastic may get scratched and hard to see out of in time. I understand you can find Lexan, or a similar product, at any glass store that repairs or replaces windshields. (Allen Baugh, 1973 Bunker Hill Rd., Central City, Iowa 52214)

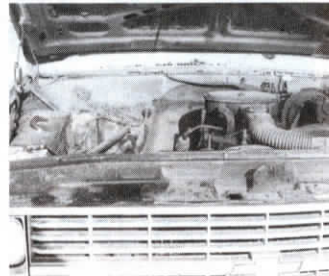
Of the 40 plus Deere tractors in my collection, which ranges from 1924 through the late '40's, the rarest is my Model P, Serial Number 5114. Deere built just 203 of these tractors in 1930 and there are believed to



be only about 30 left in existence. I bought mine for around \$2,000 from Ken Berns, of Blue Hill, Neb., who picked up three on the East Coast several years ago. I spent about eight months restoring it. Besides the fact that they were manufactured for only one year, what makes the Model P so unique is that it was manufactured specifically for potato growers. To make the steel-wheeled tractor suitable for potato row widths, Deere narrowed the rear tread width 6 in. from the conventional width for corn. Likewise, the face of the standard 10-in. wheels was narrowed by 2 in. Also, wheels were repunched for 16 lugs instead of the conventional 24 so they'd do less damage to potatoes growing under the soil. The tractors were made in two runs in 1930 and all were sold on the East Coast; mine came from Maine. In 1931, Deere offered an inset tractor wheel

for potato growers. In 1933, the company introduced its adjustable tractor axle which could also be set for potato rows. The Model P's, which probably sold for \$800 or \$900 new, are now worth at least \$12,000 fully restored. I plan to repair a few oil leaks on mine, repaint it, and take it to the Deere Expo at Grundy Center, Iowa, next August. (Wayne Bourgeois, R.R. 1, Box 27, Kahoka, Mo. 63445)

I store my tools and other valuables underneath the hood of my pickup in a pair of



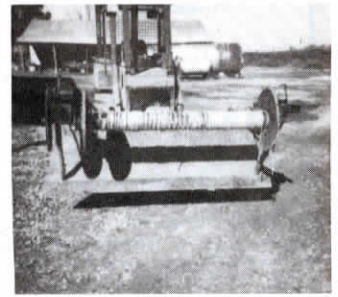
toolboxes. It's secure and keeps my things organized. There's room underneath the hood of most pickups to do this. One of the advantages of storing tools this way is that when your pickup's locked up so are your tools. (Al Beriswill, 2200 Station Rd., Valley City, Ohio 44280)

The headers on my old Massey 92's always reminded me of feed bunks whenever I'd look at them on the combine. So when I



finally retired the combines several years ago I went ahead and made feed bunks out of a 14-ft. and 16-ft header and saved a couple of hundred bucks. The bunks worked out so well I plan to make two more from other headers I have around. For one thing, the metal inside is very smooth and if a calf gets in there it'll slip around a long time before it's able to get out but it'll learn not to get into it again. To make the two

bunks I'm using now, I took the augers out and teeth off. Then I bent the sheet metal up into the opening where the feeder house was and smoothed it off so cattle wouldn't cut themselves. I plugged the end auger holes with sheet metal and bolted it to the sides with the smooth head of a carriage bolt on the inside. I also put skids on them so I can pull them around. I used a brace from a combine reel and sickle drive mount parts for skids on one. (Neal Kindall, HC 66, Box 32W, Wells, Kan. 67488)



We operate a catfish farm and built a hydraulically-operated reel that mounts on a dozer blade, allowing one operator to pull seines across the fish pond. We used the spindle off an old International combine. A hydraulic pump chain-drives the spindle. When not in use the reel can be unpinned from the dozer. The reel can also be used on a 3-pt. hitch. The idea was mine, but credit for building it goes to Tony Esquivel and Auntie Montgomery. (Vicky Wilson, Wilson & Son Farm, Aquaculture Division, Rt. 1, Box 363, Humphrey, Ark. 72073 ph 501 873-4584)

I plant a fairly large garden every year and have had problems with raccoons, deer, and other critters. I had a 12-volt "back up" alarm salvaged from an old truck (the beep-beep that you hear when a truck backs up). I hooked the alarm up to an old 6-volt tractor battery equipped with a potentiometer (the 1,000 ohm volume control off an old radio) that allows me to adjust the volume.

I plan to add a light sensor so that the beeper will automatically go on at dusk and off at first light. It really works well. I've lost only a few ears of corn to varmints ever since I put this electronic marvel in my garden. (John Hunsinger, 5356 Federal Road, Conesus, N.Y. 14435 ph 716 346-2141).



A long time before Kness Mfg. Co., Albia, Iowa, started offering a drowning attachment for its great Ketch-All multiple-catch mousetraps, I was making my own. That's because disposing of caught mice became such a messy, smelly problem. The first trap I modified was in 1970 and I just modified another. I use a 4-in. length of 1 1/4-in. wall tubing welded into a hole I drilled in the end of the trap and bent upward at a 30 degree angle. I fit a length of flex rubber hose not less than 18-in. long onto the tubing. I crinkle bend another length of the same tubing in four or five spots to make

an elbow. That fits into the lid of a 1-gal. glass jar I fill half full of windshield washer fluid. When mice get "spanked" into the trap they just naturally explore the pipeway and fall into the liquid. There's no decomposition of dead mice - therefore no odor. I'm not sure how my invention is alike or different from the one Kness is offering, but I know my modification has helped sell a lot of traps for them over the years when my friends have seen them. (Albert Smeal, Box 1537, Drumheller, Alberta, Canada T0J 0Y0)