

Smörgasbord



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Correction!

In the last issue of FARM SHOW, this column noted that a group of 17 farmers and 4 employees had rescued an Illinois John Deere dealership from financial difficulty. The "rescued" dealership is in Mattoon — not in Assumption as our report incorrectly stated. The two towns are about 40 miles apart.

Our apologies to Tom Sloan who wants it known that, "Sloan Implement Co., Inc., of Assumption, is in no way in any type of financial trouble. The Sloan family has always been highly successful in the implement business."

David Schilling, manager of the "rescued" Schilling Brothers dealership in Mattoon, also contacted FARM SHOW "to set the record straight as to where we are located. Now that we are continuing in business, many of our customers are coming in to state how grateful they are that we have arranged the financing and are remaining in Mattoon."

Tribute To Greatness

We regret to report that "combine expert" Ray Stueckle, 67, passed away May 30, three days after suffering a massive heart attack at his home in Caldwell, Idaho.



Ray Stueckle

Ray was a mechanical genius who could build and fix most anything — particularly combines. Thousands of farmers throughout the U.S. and Canada operate machines that have been "Stueckleized" according to some of Ray's recommendations.

His combine books have been among the highest reader-response items ever featured in FARM SHOW. Virtually every one of the more than 500 combine clinics he conducted over the past 15 years was a "sold out" situation. While at home, he was constantly on the phone, helping distressed combine owners solve "impossible" mechanical problems.

"The family bought Ray a radio phone as a present several years ago so he could take calls outside right from the seat of his garden tractor," Ray's wife Arline told FARM SHOW. She notes that their son Dale, and son-in-law David Organ, will be taking over management of the family's R and H Machine business, headquartered in Caldwell. Founded by Ray, the business specializes in long wearing chrome alloy cultivator, subsoiler, chisel and harrow points and shovels.

As most welding experts will tell you, you can't weld chrome to steel. But Ray figured out how to

do it, producing replacements that last 10 to 20 times longer than standard points and shovels.

"... On Allis Chalmers combines, it's important that you don't reverse the cylinder bars, in spite of what the owner's manual tells you."

"... Every one of the feeder chains I've seen on New Holland rotary combines has been factory installed backwards."

"... Possibly the greatest help you can give a Gleaner rotary is to double the number of helical transfer fins on the inside of the cage."

That's Ray "telling it like it is" in his two best-selling books (upwards of 50,000 copies sold to date) on how to "boost capacity at least 20% and virtually eliminate cracked kernels" by "Stueckleizing" your combine. His "Combine Setting for Better Harvesting" book (\$16.50) details Ray's recommendations for modifying most makes of combines up to but not including rotaries. His "Setting Your Rotary Combines For Better Harvesting" (\$12) covers rotaries.

Ray's wife Arline plans to continue offering the combine books. She also plans to complete a third book she and Ray were working on. Called "Dear Ray", it's a collection of "most asked" questions from combine owners.

So, just as Ray would have wanted, it's "business as usual" back at his machine shop, and with his popular combine books.

For more information contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Arline Stueckle, Box 1323, Caldwell, Idaho 83605 (ph 208 459-1508).

**Acupuncture
Your Sweet Corn**



Try This For Sweeter Corn — Here's an intriguing idea that just might make your garden corn sweeter and help it ripen quicker. It's acupuncture!

The ancient Chinese gardening technique has been tried with some success, according to reports in national gardening publications.

One publication reports that the technique was used in an experiment in which four rows of Ashworth corn were given identical care except every other row got the acupuncture treatment. The results: The acupuncture rows matured a week earlier than the others and their ears had markedly sweeter flavor.

Here's what you do:

While the cornsilk is still green, drive a round toothpick through the base of the ear stem and into the main stem just above the joint (See sketch).

The theory behind this is that wounding the plant this way forces it to send healing sugars to the affected area. When you puncture the ear stem, sugars are forced into the ear, causing it to mature earlier and be sweeter.

If you try this, let us know what kind of success you have. (Reprinted from *Carolina Country*.)

Bitter Harvest Update — "We've extended the date of the drawing from the original July 4th date until Sept. 2nd, since we've not yet sold our goal of 50,000 books," reported Hazel Hirst of Unionville, Mo., as this issue went to press.

Hazel, and her husband Raymond are raffling off their 476-acre farm by selling "Bitter Harvest", a book of 14 poems penned by Hazel that tells the joys and sorrows of farming. The book also contains a raffle ticket good for a chance at their farm. In accordance with rules, anyone can enter the lottery by sending in a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The Hirsts decided to run the raffle, selling Hazel's poetry, as a means to raise money to pay off their farm debts. If they don't raise the needed funds the contest will end, and the book purchase price refunded.

Bitter Harvest sells for \$8, plus \$2 for shipping.

To order a book and enter the contest, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Raymond and Hazel Hirst, P.O. Box 176, Unionville, Mo. 63565.

Newman's Book Published

Joe Newman's energy discovery — That amazing new energy discovery by Mississippi inventor Joe Newman is now on the market in book form. Newman, frustrated in his attempt to obtain a patent for his invention, has decided to "tell all" in an effort to gain widespread acceptance for what many respected scientists and engineers are calling "one of the greatest discoveries of all time".



Joe Newman

Newman's invention (first featured in FARM SHOW's Vol. 8, No. 2 issue) is controversial because it reportedly creates more energy than it consumes. The prototype consists simply of a wooden box containing a spinning arrangement of magnets. Batteries are hooked up to the device to power it and output leads are used to both recharge the batteries and power other electric appliances.

According to affidavits signed by scores of respected scientists who have had a chance to closely inspect the device and run tests, the machine actually produces enough electricity to not only recharge the batteries but also to run other electrical devices indefinitely. Newman explains the phenomenon by stating that he has discovered a new theory of electricity that taps the force of magnetic fields surrounding the earth in much the same way that a water wheel taps the power of flowing water in a stream. Most of the scientists FARM SHOW interviewed say they don't know how or why Newman's invention works but that they consider it a significant discovery that should be developed.

For the past couple years Newman has been embroiled in a legal battle with the U.S. Patent Office which has denied patent protection on the grounds that his device is a perpetual motion machine and therefore an impossibility. Newman has lost several court battles and recently filed his case with the U.S. Supreme Court. "If we lose there it's entirely possible that I will never receive a patent for my invention in the United States, although we will probably be granted protection in other countries around the world," Newman told FARM SHOW.

Regardless of how his court battle turns out, Newman's book will be off the presses this month. "The book details the entire process and all the theories behind it. It includes drawings and in-depth explanations. Once the book is published I expect many companies to begin building working prototypes in preparation for introducing production units to the market," Newman says, noting that if he eventually receives a patent he hopes to license the process.

Newman wrote and published the book on his own and will sell it direct from his home. It sells for \$38.45 including postage and handling and is printed on heavy paper and with hand-stitched bindings. Newman says he'll make about \$5.00 on every copy of the 267-page book sold. "That may be the only money I'll ever make off this invention," he says.

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