

Multi-Purpose Blade Hinges In The Middle

You've never seen a grader blade like this new "bend-in-the-middle" blade built by Leonard J. Hansen, New Hartford, Iowa.

The 6-ft. wide blade — it could be built to any width — has a heavy-duty hinge at center. Each half of the blade is controlled by a hydraulic cylinder. You can angle both sides of the blade forward to make a "scoop" for moving dirt, gravel, snow, etc. Or you can move them both backwards to

a point for leveling dirt or scraping manure or snow. You can also angle the entire blade in either direction for grading or use it straight across.

Hansen mounts the blade on a skid steer loader but says it could easily adapt to a tractor 3-pt. or pickup. He's looking for a manufacturer.

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Telephone Pole Bale Hauler

You'll like the uncomplicated design of this new telephone pole bale hauler that'll handle up to six 1,500-lb. round bales and dump them hydraulically at the stackyard.

Thomas Tallackson, Grafton, N. Dak., mounted two 35-ft. telephone poles on an old Deere wagon chassis by chaining the poles to a pair of hinging frames that bolt to a pair of I-beams stretched across the wagon

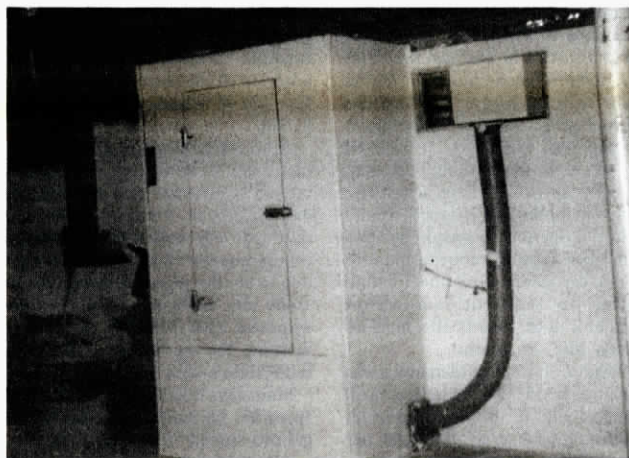
chassis. Each hinged frame is fitted with a hydraulic cylinder.

When in the "cradle" position for hauling bales, the cylinders are both extended. To dump, both cylinders are retracted, which lifts one pole up in the air, rolling all bales off to one side at once.

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Some of the best new products we hear about are "made it myself" innovations born in farmers' workshops. If you've got a new invention or favorite gadget you're proud of, we'd like to hear about it. Send along a photo or two, and a description of what it is and how it works. Is it being manufactured commercially? If so, where can interested farmers buy it? Are you looking for manufacturers, dealers or distributors? (Send to: FARM SHOW, Box 1029, Lakeville, MN 55044).

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Basement Vegetable "Closet" Keeps Potatoes From Sprouting

"It's too warm in my basement during the winter for potatoes and they sprout," says Joseph Shearer, Genoa, Ill., who solved the problem by building an insulated 44-in. long, 26-in. wide, 7-ft. tall vegetable storage "closet" in his basement.

Besides potatoes, he also uses it to store onions, carrots and apples. He notes that it'll hold 12 one-bu. crates, plus a shelf for storing small bunches of vegetables.

The walls for the insulated closet are made with 2 by 4-in. studs with blanket insulation in-between. Over the studs and insulation Shearer put asbestos board and plywood. He also

insulated the ceiling and door.

From fall through spring, Shearer uses outside air to keep the closet cool. (he doesn't use it in the summer.) He notes that it stays about 40° inside the closet while basement temperature is usually about 60°. Cold air enters from outside via a box that fits up against the window and through 5-in. dia. flexible pipe.

Shearer manually controls the amount of incoming air by opening/closing the sliding basement window.

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