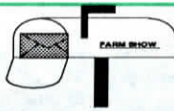
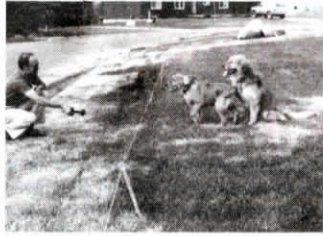


# Reader Letter



In 1984 (Vol. 8, No. 4) FARM SHOW introduced us to a wonderful new product which has changed our lives and our livelihood. We obtained a dealership for the product, an "Invisible Fence" for dogs, and have now sold nearly 300 systems to customers in Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. The Invisible Fence consists of a thin wire buried 1 to 3 in. in the ground, a small waterproof receiver on the dog's collar, and a transmitter that in-



stalls in the house or garage. The transmitter sends a radio signal through the buried wire which circles the yard or farmstead. When the dog comes within a preset distance of the wire (anywhere from 5 to 30 ft.), the receiver attached to his collar picks up the radio signal and emits a high-pitched beeping noise which warns the dog to step back. If he doesn't move back within 2 seconds, he receives a small shock of 4 to 7 watts, enough to get the dog's attention without hurting it. It can be used to enclose any size farmyard area.

We bought our system in November, 1984 and got a dealership in November, 1985. The Invisible Fence is the best product we have ever purchased. We were skeptical when we first read about it but we would not sell our system now for \$10,000 if we couldn't get another one. It's great because you can control your dog yet give him his freedom, and we love helping other people control their dogs with this great product. Many of our customers say it's the best investment they ever made.

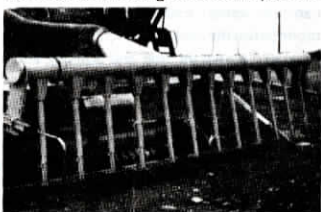
Thanks again for telling us about this product at an early date. We might have been too late to get a dealership if not for FARM SHOW.

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I believe that you publish the best farm information available. Your paper is read from cover to cover at our house. I even look through back issues when thinking of changing or updating my farm equipment and general operation. Thank you for a great paper.

Kenneth Barteo  
Center, Colo.

I'm enclosing a photo of my Phillips "Wind Reel" invented by my neighbor Curtis Phillips and manufactured by a company in Illinois in the 1950's. It was designed to replace standard bat reels on grain heads and used air to blow grain onto the platform



to reduce losses, especially in short grain. Two U.S. manufacturers have recently come out with "air reels" that use the same prin-

ciple. The problem with the Phillips Wind Reel was that it was ahead of its time. Combines at that time were not equipped with cabs so you had to wear goggles and a mask because of the tremendous amount of dust and dirt that was generated. It worked well, though, especially on short crops. Up until a few years ago farmers in our area were still using them, including a neighbor who had mounted his on a Deere 55 combine. I still have my 14-ft. Wind Reel but, because it's too narrow, I recently bought a Cray Air Reel which I love. I'll always know I've got the "reel" thing sitting in storage, however.

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**Editor's Note:** According to Leroy Richard of Cray Mfg., Fargo, N.Dak., the Phillips Wind Reel was similar but not identical to the Cray air reel. The design of Cray's air reel was licensed from an Australian inventor named Don Brook who came up with a design for the blower fan and the nozzles. This fall the company added a bat reel to their air reel. The bats rotate around the center-mounted air reel, providing the advantages of both types of reels for virtually any crop condition.

Here's a big AMEN to Doug Fraser's comments in your Vol. 12, No. 5, issue of Smorgasbord in FARM SHOW. I, too, was taken advantage of by Ford-New Holland recently. When the 145 transmission in my Versatile tractor needed a major overhaul, I priced all the major parts - such as bearings and gears - as I ordered them. The smaller items, I ordered in good faith without pricing them. I'll never do that again! The 4-in. collars that fit into the shifting forks were priced at \$30.09. That's bad enough but what's really a crime is the price of the 5-in. collars. They sell for \$199.98! The 4-in. and 5-in. collars all have exactly the same shape. They're nothing more than a thick washer with a wide groove machined on each side. There's no way the larger collar could take that much more labor or machinery to build than the smaller ones. To add to my disgust, all these collars so badly rusted I had to spend most of an afternoon sanding down the rusted surfaces so they wouldn't ruin the thrust bearings.

At the advice of my dealer, I wrote a letter to the Ford-New Holland branch manager in my area. He didn't even offer the courtesy of a reply.

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I got my "best idea" during the wet fall of 1986. I put hydraulic rams on my New Idea 325 corn picker axles to raise the picker up 18 in. when I come to soft spots. This keeps it from dragging in the mud and lets me pick cobs on much muddier fields than I ever could before. Works great.

Elmer Schiesser  
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I built this garbage burner so I wouldn't have to worry about fire and ashes around buildings and hay. I bought a 260 gal. fuel oil tank and two used barrel stove doors at an auction for a total cost of \$11. I mounted the doors in one end of the tank and a flue pipe at the opposite end. I put 2 in. of sand on the bottom of the tank to keep it from burning out. I left the original filler pipes in place on top of the tank. I use the burner to burn household waste, paper feed sacks, cardboard and occasionally as an incinerator to

burn dead animals. The bottom door is handy for cleaning and it also lets the draft come up from the bottom. The top door makes it possible to keep loading it until it's full. I pick the entire stove up with a loader



to take it to the dump for clean-out so there's no mess at all around home.

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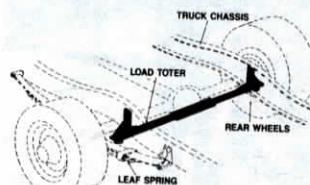
We're farmers near Garrison, N. Dak., and we'd like to tell FARM SHOW readers about our revolutionary new "Dakota Hand" tree transplanter for use behind an ATV, garden tractor, or mounted on a front-end loader. It'll dig out and transplant any tree with up to a 2-in. trunk. The "cradle", which supports the tree spades, can be positioned hydraulically at any height above ground level which allows you to vary the rootball size thus accommodating different sized trees. The largest rootball possible is 28 in. dia. and 22 in. deep. You simply position the cradle and



spades around the trunk of the tree and use a hand-held jack hammer to drive the spades into the ground. Once the spades are driven in, hydraulics lift and transplant the tree. To plant the tree, you pull a pin which splits the cradle in two, taking pressure off the spades and allowing you to pull them up out of the way. We developed the machine for use in moving trees on our own farm and it worked so well we started manufacturing it. This first-of-its-kind machine sells for \$3,300 for 3-pt. or loader mount. A towable unit sells for \$4,000.

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We are the new distributors of the "Load Toter" which was featured several years ago in FARM SHOW. It's a "must" for any farmer who hauls heavy loads in his pickup. It



installs in less than 30 sec. over the leaf springs, doubling payload capacity while maintaining original rideability, unlike overload springs and anti-sway bars which cost

more, are more difficult to install and destroy the ride. Sells for \$119.

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We want to thank you for doing the article on our sod house (Vol. 12, No. 4). People have called to inquire about staying overnight in the house and some have stopped by for a tour, so thanks for passing the word. We enjoy FARM SHOW very much. My boys fight over who gets the new copy first.

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Here's a "handy hint" that might be of use to FARM SHOW readers. I've discovered that when I've got a piece of tillage equipment that plugs around the wheels, I can eliminate the problem by putting tire chains on those tires. They chew up the residue.

Dan Wiltse  
Lisbon, N. Dak.

I am writing in response to the article, "Circus Train Built With 30-Gal. Barrels" which appeared recently in FARM SHOW (Vol. 12, No. 5). I think the use of recycled herbicide barrels to make a "circus train" and pulled by a garden tractor as a parade entry raises serious concerns. Pesticide product labels are explicit concerning container disposal. They commonly state "Triple rinse and recycle or dispose of in a sanitary landfill or by other procedures approved of by state and local authorities." The disposal directions are printed right on the label and do not allow pesticide containers to be reused in any fashion except for recycling or reconditioning by a chemical manufacturer. We remind your readers that it is a violation of federal law to dispose of pesticide containers in a manner not consistent with the instructions on the pesticide label.

Larry D. Schulze  
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Lincoln, Neb.

I was in the United States two years ago visiting relatives in Nebraska and became familiar with your magazine. I've worked all my life in agriculture, employed by a farmer cooperative, and thought you'd be inter-



ested in an add-on device we made for our combine. It's an auxiliary sickle that mounts in a perpendicular position on the right side of the header. It works great in viny crops like rape and soybeans to cut through tangles and is belt-driven off one of the header drive belts. It works very well for us.

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