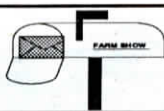
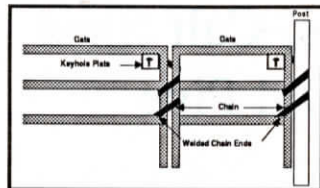


# Reader Letters



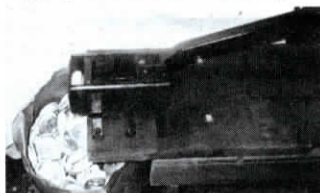
Every issue of FARM SHOW seems to get better. I never cease to marvel at the inventiveness of farmers and ranchers in the U.S. and Canada when faced with challenges. Your "Best and Worst Buys" section where individuals lay it on the line describing either their "lemons" or their best buys is a wonderful reference guide on what to avoid, and what to purchase. **(Nora Stade, Telkwa, B.C.)**

We've come up with a slick gate tightener that eliminates the need for rope, twine or wire. It's easy and secure. We weld one end of a length of chain about 1/3 of the way up the gate post and weld a plate with a "key-



hole" in it at the top inside corner of the gate post. You simply wrap the chain around the gate 2 or 3 times and hook the loose end in the keyhole. As the gate pulls the wrapped chain downward, the chain pulls the gate in tight. To open, you simply unhook the chain from the keyhole and unwrap the chain. It's much faster than tying and guaranteed secure. **(Henry Temelder, Rt. 3, Elmvale, Ontario, LOL 1P0 Canada)**

I built this handy can crusher because garbage bags full of aluminum cans take up a lot



of room. It mounts on a bench. You put the can in from the top and pull back on the lever. The crushed can drops through a slot in the bottom of the unit into a bag or box. Other commercial crushing units are built too light. My crusher is built to last. **(Mark Hoffman, Rt. 2, Box 116, Munich, N. Dak. 58352)**

Your article on my baler-mounted "Salt Shaker" (Vol. 13, No. 1) created a lot of interest. I couldn't believe the area your paper must cover. I had over 25 inquiries from all over the U.S. and Canada. I sent a letter, photos, and plans for the hopper and bracket to everyone who wrote or called me. I gave them the name and address of the hopper manufacturer (Gandy Co., Box 528, Owatonna, Minn. 55060, ph 507 451-5430) so they could deal with them personally. It was quite an experience. I hope they're all as successful with their "Salt Shaker" as I've been. **(Lane Briggs, B Bar B Ranches, Inc., Manchester Road, RR 1128, Great Falls, Montana 59401 ph 406 452-1887).**

The lack of dew at night during certain periods in the summer makes it difficult to bale our alfalfa hay and keep the leaves on. It's a common problem in the Klamath Basin here in Oregon. We've tried different ways of moisturizing the hay, attempting to create an artificial dew. Have any of your readers solved this problem? I'd appreciate hearing from anyone who could help us. **(Len Garrison, Tulana Farms, P.O. Box 336, Chiloquin, Ore. 97624 (ph 503 783-2378)).**

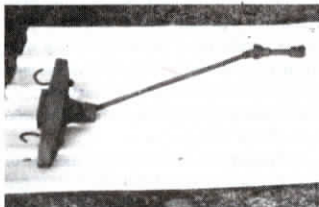
Reading about the Dodge convertible pickup (Vol. 13, No. 3) brought back memories. From 1943 to 1945 I was stationed in Australia as a member of the Armed Services. I remember General Motors having some light pickups with a convertible top arrangement. These had an automobile design with a pickup bed. There were Chevrolet, Pontiac and Oldsmobiles. I don't have any pictures of them but I wonder if anyone else remembers any of these snappy pickups? **(Vincent Hoener, Gilliam, Mo. 65330).**

My best buy of all time is a 1951 Chevrolet pickup truck. It still runs good and I still use it often. I'd be completely lost without it. **(John Harp, Rt. 1, Easton, Ill.)**

FARM SHOW Magazine is my "best buy". I learn about the latest new ideas and products which keeps me on my toes and reminds me to adapt and change my way of thinking along with these changing times, thereby saving money and time. I repair radiators for a living and call my company Sunshine Radiators, "The Best Place To Take A Leak". I feel most radiators on new vehicles are made with junky materials. I think the manufacturers do this to save money and as a result they create jobs for many of us. **(Xavier Sliva, P.O. Box 368, Steele City, Neb. 68440)**

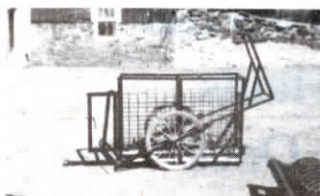
If you have a stubborn hog to move or load, just put a large plastic pail over its head and you can guide it anywhere, forward or back. The pail must be held on to keep it over the hog's head or it will back out of it. It works best when you have a second person at the rear of the animal to "steer" the back end. **(Earl H. Neeb, 415 Churchill Street, Hudson Bay, Sask., Canada)**

This photo shows an old "pto shaft" that my father rigged up in 1918 to attach to the rear wheel of a Model T Ford. In those days it was customary to butcher hogs in the middle



of winter. It was usually a family affair lasting 2 to 3 days. We would slaughter 7 or 8 225-lb. hogs and provide some of the finished product to relatives. Sausage grinding was done by us boys with a hand-cranked grinder. We would switch off every 10 min. or so when our arms got tired. When my Dad bought the new Model T in the summer of 1917, he decided to try to harness the power of the car to eliminate this tedious hand crank job. The drive shaft they came up with had two universal joints and bolted with J-bolts to the wooden spokes of the rear wheel. The other end fastened to the meat grinder shaft where the crank was set screwed on. The rear wheel of the Ford was jacked up as if you wanted to change a tire and the wheel on the other side was securely blocked to keep the car in place. It sure made meat grinding an easy task and did the job a lot faster, too. **(Walter Roehrs, 24407 Jewell Rd., Rt. 2, Defiance, Ohio 43512)**

I mount lengths of PVC pipe on the sidewalls inside my pickup box to hold shovels, brooms and other tools. Works great. **(Jerry Siegel, Sebeka, Minn.)**



I built this calf mover out of scrap steel. I got the basic idea from commercial calf movers but they're not built heavy enough and they can't be pulled by an ATV or lawn tractor. The front gate doubles as a catch gate. The rear handles lower the mover flush with the ground. Pushing the handle down raises the mover back up on its legs. The wheels on the cart are from an old welding cart. They work fine but if I did it again I'd use ball bearing type wheels. I spent about \$250 to build the cart. **(Phil Verratti, 8655 Slayton Settlement Road, Gasport, N.Y. 14067)**

Our multiple lock gate security system works great for any landowner who needs to provide access to a piece of property for more than one party, such as hunters, fishermen, utility companies, tenants, and so on. The gate latch can be fitted with from one to five locks. Removing any one of the locks releases the locking bolt to open the gate. It sells for \$39.95. **(William E. Tosh, B & L Associated Ind., Rt. 1, Box 118B, Rusk, Tex. 75785 ph 214-743-5555)**

My partner Glen Caldwell and I have developed one-of-a-kind ant and turtle traps that work great and use no chemicals. The "Super C" ant trap was developed for red ants and fire ants. It consists of a small cylinder that mounts flush with the top of the ground. Because ants are naturally curious, the trap starts catching them as soon as it's installed. No bait is needed and it lasts indefinitely. It'll clean out entire beds of ants and do the job better than flushing or poisoning the ants so they start new beds in new areas. The trap sells for \$9.95 (plus shipping and handling).

The "Super C" turtle trap makes it easy to control turtle populations in fish ponds. Turtles are big problems in some areas because every 100 lbs. of turtles eats 10 lbs. of fish per day. The trap floats in the water and within 2 or 3 days it becomes a part of the natural environment and turtles begin using it just as they would a log or piece of wood for sunning. We've caught as many as 9 turtles a day in the trap. Sells for \$39.95. **(Ken Craven, Super C Enterprises, Inc., P.O. Box 603, Purcell, Okla. 73080 ph 405 527-7922)**

Thank you for your article in the last issue of FARM SHOW about my new "no harm" trap for coyotes, wild dogs, and other large animals that catches animals without killing or harming them by wrapping a choke chain around their neck. We're excited about the tremendous response from farmers, ranchers and animal trappers who don't like conventional box-type traps that often don't work. Unfortunately, although your article gave the correct address and phone number, it did not list my city, state and zip code so people could not write for information. **(Robert Pritchford, Jr., P.O. Box 61450, Los Angeles, Calif. 90061 ph 213 608-1715)**

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the death of my husband Neil Coffey last December in a tragic accident on our farm. We had been very pleased with the response from our report in FARM SHOW on our Coffey Cap Liner. Because of Neil's death, that business is now officially discontinued. **(Mrs. Neil Coffey, Rt. 1, Box 209, Nora Springs, Iowa 50458)**



I got tired of the belt not lining up on my belt-driven buzz saw. To solve the problem I made a 3-pt. hitch platform using 1/4-in. plate steel and channel iron. The pto chain drives the saw drive shaft. Now I can pick up the saw and move anywhere I want and start sawing with no trouble. **(Wally Malm, 349 N 100E, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221)**

Enclosed is a photo of a subsoiler I designed and built together with my partner Hugh



Thomson. The first one we built worked so well we sold one to a farmer last fall who ran it on 800 acres with no problems. The shanks work to an average depth of 16 to 22 in. and require 20 to 25 hp. per shank. They shatter hardpan and let moisture penetrate to the roots. The machine is self-leveling from the tractor seat and will be built in 5, 7 and 9-shank models. We have not yet finalized a deal with a manufacturer but would consider building units on a custom basis. **(George B. Laird, Rt. 2, Prince Albert, Sask. S6V 5P9 Canada 306 922-5424)**

Our new cattle feeder was designed with big round bales in mind, but it also works great for all types of hay as well as grain or pellets. It's sturdy enough to feed bulk. The reser-



voir for holding hay is adjustable to accommodate various sizes of round bales. The wooden floor and sides virtually eliminate waste so that the feeder will pay for itself in less than one month in hay savings. It sells for just \$550 complete. The wooden floor and sides install with no bolts or nails. When the purchaser supplies the lumber the feeder sells for \$100 less. **(Robert Vickaryous, Vickaryous Versatile, HCR 60, Porthill, Idaho 83853)**

We're marketing a new flour made from brown rice that may be of interest to FARM SHOW readers. It is ideal as a coating to deep fry fish, pork chops, and venison and also works well as a microwave coating for fish, chicken and turkey. It was developed for persons allergic to corn and wheat but we discovered that it tastes even better than flour made from either grain. We add a bit of seasoning to the flour and sell it in 2-lb. bags. We'll send a brochure about this flour and our other stone ground corn and rice products to anyone who writes. **(Jimmy & Jo Kemp, J & J Milling Co., Box 156, Rohwer, Ark. 71666)**

About 5 years ago I needed to replace several farm gates. I didn't have time to buy pipe gates and couldn't justify the price of new ones. I had already used livestock