

During the several years boy to trap muskrats in a that I've been writing this column, I have met some very nicè people. Even though I live in a rather isolated area with only a rural route as an address, some folks have managed to find me They have come with a horse and wagon and a bunch of children, they've come by boat and they've come in a Lincoln.

Sometimes they tell me that they, too, enjoy a beautiful sunset at the end of a busy day or believe in some wilderness areas for wildlife on the farm. Other times they express an interest in where we have vacationed or even ask how some garden crop is grown. One man exchanged a jar of his own honey for a peck of my artichokes.

It's been a pleasure to get to know people from other countries and visit in their homes. This past week I was really surprised to have an Amish family stop in and bring with them a couple from Connecticut. The woman wanted to meet me as she reads Lancaster Farming newspaper regularly.

Of the many letters that I've received, only one stands out as a "nasty one". This particular lady chastised me for allowing a

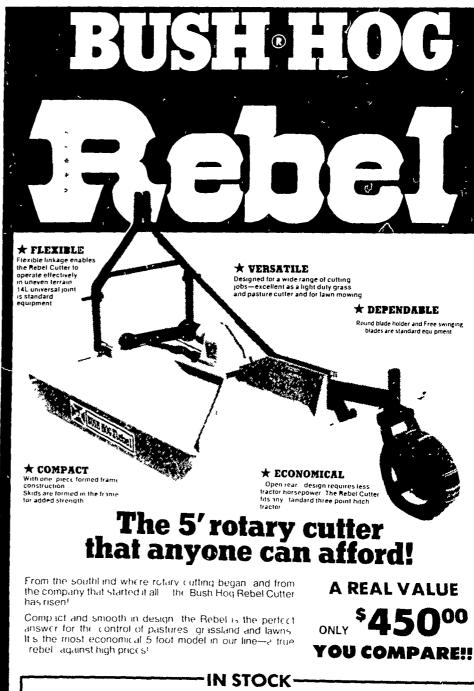
marshy section of our field, where a new highway pours water unto it. She felt that no animals should ever be trapped. And if the town boy needed money, she suggested that we should give him a job on the farm 'tending our cows". It is too bad that she doesn't have a sweet corn patch, 90 per cent devoured by raccoons the night before the morning she intended to pick and freeze it; then she too would be ready to trap some animals

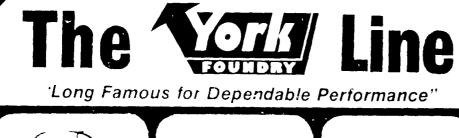
Usually, however, my readers and I share similar ideas, ways of life and hobbies

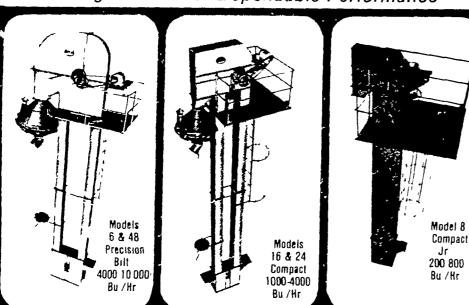


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