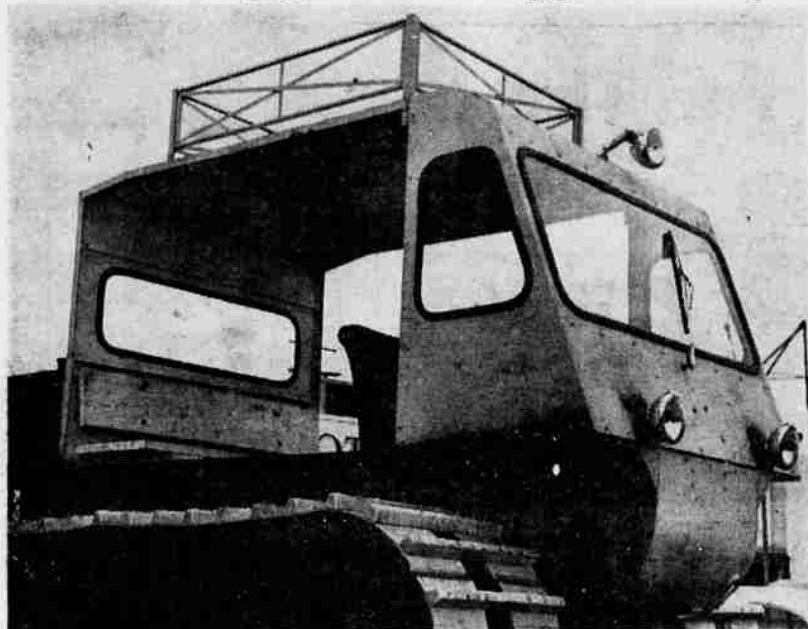


Snow Buggy Loves Rugged Going



BUILT TO GO ANYWHERE in the snow, this locally-built machine takes its makers on regular backwoods trips that would be otherwise impossible during the winter months.

Researchers Go Fishing For Science

Readers who dream of playing hooky to go fishing will envy a group of Oregon State College researchers who plan to do some bass fishing on office hours this spring.

But they don't have to sneak off to do it. The expedition is on the up and up, explained Carl E. Bond, associate professor of fish and game management. The scientists want to see which of four experimental ponds north of Corvallis provide the best fishing.

Two of the ponds are stocked with both bass and bluegill. The other two are stocked just with bass. Main purpose of the study is to compare rate of growth and survival rate. Bond pointed out that "the books say bass eat bluegill. This implies that bass in the bass-and-bluegill ponds would grow faster than those in the bass only ponds. But this theory doesn't seem to hold true in the OSC experimental ponds."

The study started last spring and will continue through the coming summer, so results aren't complete yet. However, the rate of growth for all four ponds was nearly the same the first year. Graduate student Harold Hansen is working with Bond on the study.

An earlier experiment on the Soap Creek ponds showed production was 12 times greater in the pond where enough nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer was added than in the pond with no fertilizer added. The fertilizer increased growth of natural fish foods which gave the fish more to eat, and increased their weight correspondingly. Graduate students working with Bond in this study were Dave McIntyre and Gary Isaac.

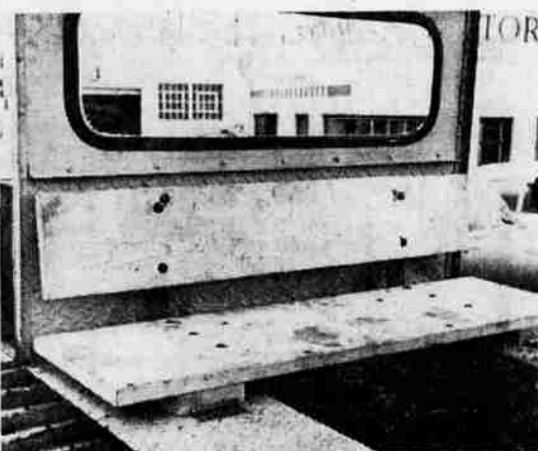
Farmers interested in further information about fertilizer use in farm fish ponds should contact their county extension agent or Andrew S. Landforce, OSC extension wildlife management specialist, Corvallis.

COOK ESCAPES

DUBLIN, Va. (AP) — When Ralph Ray escaped from a convict road camp the other 75 prisoners took a dim view of it. Ray was the camp cook and he walked away before fixing breakfast.

AGING DINNER

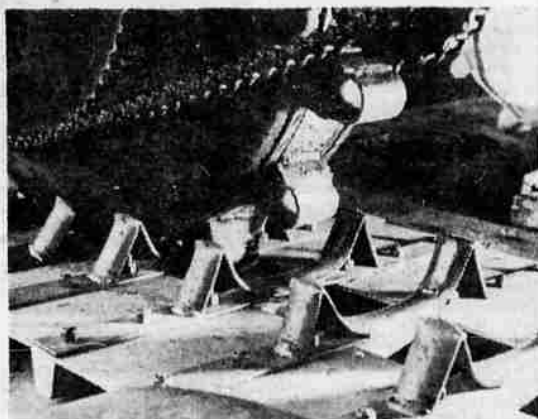
LA JUNTA, Colo. (AP) — Workmen found something unusual while tearing down a retaining wall built in 1945. They discovered in a concrete block what turned out to be a well preserved rolled pork roast.



THE BACK SEAT lacks the comforts of a car, but the "cat's" passengers can be reasonably sure of getting where they are going in the snow country.



THE BUILDERS, Claude Olson, left, and Jim Olson, right pose in front of their snow cat. —Photos by Kettler.



SNOW DOESN'T stop this efficient drive mechanism, but lack of it one time made a long walk necessary.

THE COVER

Last week's short-lived snow cover gave Sandra Hoyt and Joyce Morris, secretaries in the director's office at Oregon Technical Institute, a chance for some snow-balling. —Photo by Don Kettler, Herald & News photographer.

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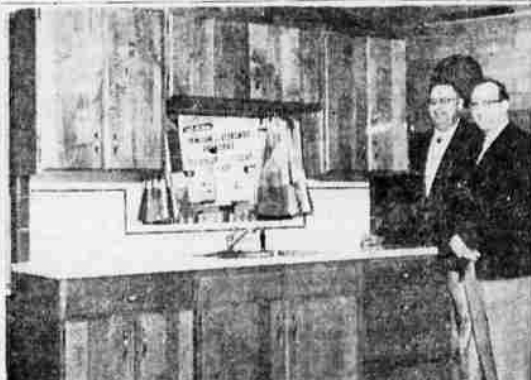
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