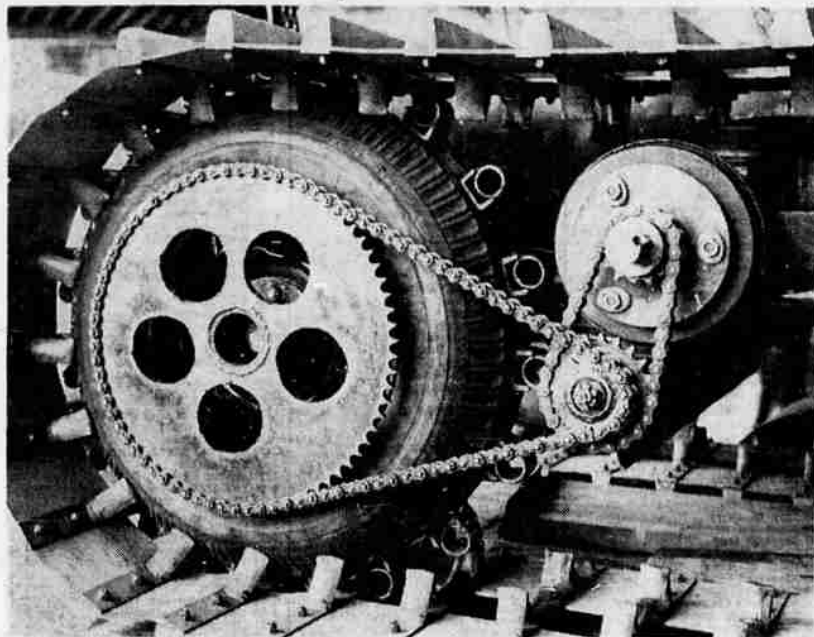


Cat Conquers Snowbanks



THE DRIVE MECHANISM of the snow cat is shown in this photo. Power for the chain sprockets comes from a transmission. Rubber was stripped from the center of rear tires to receive a steel band containing the track drive spurs. When inflated, the tire holds the band tightly enough to prevent any slippage.

Push-Button Farms Make Life Easier

Push-button farming is making the dairyman's life much easier these days according to statistics released by the State Department of Agriculture which show a continued increase in the use of mechanical equipment.

Almost all dairies inspected by the department were reported using farm tanks, pipeline milkers, or a combination pipeline milker and farm tank, stanchion and platform milking parlors and paved cowyards.

The tanks and milkers take the place of the old-time hand milking and milk cans which took a great deal more time and was much less sanitary. Paved cowyards have also reduced the possibility of dirt or disease. A cow used to be led into a stall, through a muddy cowyard if it happened to be during the rainy season and milked by hand after which the milk was carried in buckets to larger containers to a milk house. Now the animal is conducted over a paved yard, into a shiny well-lighted milking parlor and, after a preliminary cleaning which is still done by hand, is milked automatically. The milk is sent through a pipeline, often partly transparent, into a farm tank.

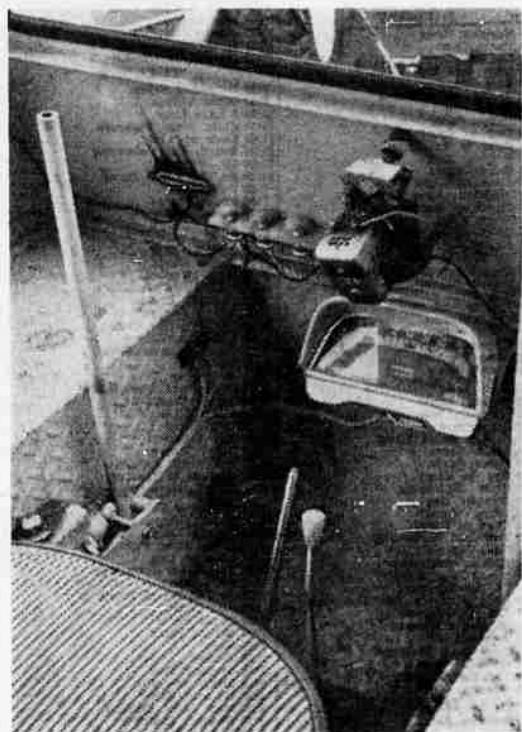
Dairies checked today by the department show a total of 589 producers and producer-distributors using farm tanks as compared to 450 in 1956 and 570 in 1959.

Pipeline milkers are used by 379 producers and producer-distributors while in 1956 there were 267 and in 1959, there were 347. Using combination tanks and milklines are 331 producers and producer-distributors and in 1956 there were 177 while in 1959 there were 275.

Stanchion parlors are used by 428 dairymen while in 1956 there were 437 using the convenience and in 1959, there were 461. The stanchion is the only type of parlor to show a drop. This is because it is the older type of parlor and is being replaced by the newer raised-platform style of milking parlor.

Elevated, platform-type parlors were being used by 309 dairymen in 1960, by 276 in 1959 and by 237 in 1956. Paved cowyards were in use last year by 500 dairymen, in 1959 by 419 and in 1956 by 262.

According to Kenneth E. Carl, assistant chief of dairy law enforcement for the department, dairies inspected by city officials showed similar increase in the use of modernized machinery in 1960, although statistics for car-



THE COCKPIT is simple and functional. Levers work treads independently for maneuvering. Although the speedometer has a top mark of 75 miles per hour, the "cat" is designed to move at a steady pace of 15 miles an hour, fast enough in rough terrain.



TREADS OF THE OLSON snow cat run on six wheels, the chain driven back wheels, the center idlers, and the front set.

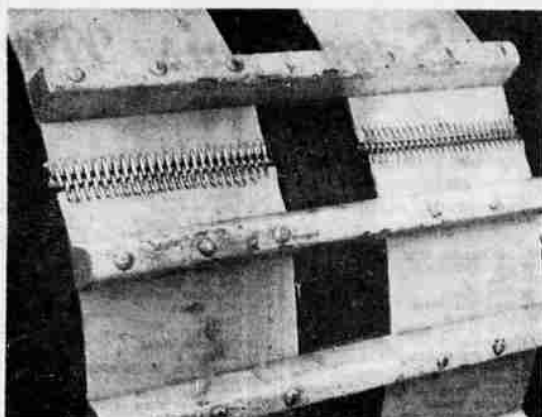
or years are not available.

Combined city-state statistics show that farm tanks are used now by 1,177 fluid milk producers and producer-distributors. Combination tanks and pipelines are used by 516 producers and producer-distributors. Pipeline milkers are used by 352 dairymen.

Using the stanchion type are 608 dairymen and using the raised platform type, 524. Cowyards have

been paved by 921 producers and producer-distributors.

Cows are not housed overnight or fed roughage in these "milking parlors" as is the practice in the old fashioned dairy barns. Most dairymen have dispensed with the milk stool by having the cow come into a milking parlor on a raised platform so he can stand up while she is being milked. No more stoop or squat.



HEAVY BELTING and steel-backed wooden cleats are all that went into the treads of the snow cat.

POETRY

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Do not despair, ye friendless—
A seed of Hope is here:
Despair, essentially is Godless—
God is near—
Nigh to them who call—
"Call, and I will answer thee!"
"I am the truth . . .
"The truth shall make you free!"

Eleanor Harvey

Lift your mute voice.

Your sightless eyes,
Your mutilated wings,
ears choked with sighs:
Let your faint heart
its impotence confess:
Your empty soul, He waits—
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