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Reversed IH Loader Tractor

George Buseman, Jr. of Marion, S. Dak. first reversed a Farmall H in the 1960's. His neighbor borrowed it so often over the years, Buseman finally sold it to him.

Later, Buseman decided to make another one. This time, he reversed a 560 IH LP tractor and installed a Koyker K-5 loader on it facing backward.

"Your vision is so much better because you have the bucket right in front of you. It's also a lot more maneuverable. You can pivot right around. If you want to push snow away from a tree or light pole, you can go around in a circle. Another advantage is that the weight is over the drive wheels," he says.

Buseman moved the steering wheel, hydraulic valves and other control levers to an upright column he made from 4 by 6-in. square tubing. He turned the seat around and

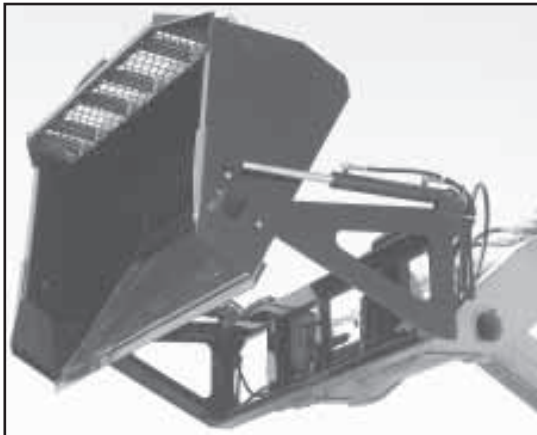
moved it into the space where the control panel used to be.

A roller chain inside the column runs down to a steering shaft at the base of the platform. He "flipped over" the differential to reverse the gears on the tractor.

He also rearranged the hydraulic controls, using a 3-way valve to control a grapple fork he puts on the loader bucket.

The clutch and brake pedals are mounted on a shaft and work normally. He split the original rims and widened them to 16 in. to use large 18.4 by 38 tires for extra traction. He puts fluid in the tires and three sets of weights on them instead of chains.

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Bucket comes in 60 to 90-in. widths and 19 to 43 cu. ft. capacities. It extends loader reach by 4 ft.

High-Dump Bucket Reaches New Heights

New high-lift bucket, with the pivot point near the front edge rather than the back, extends the reach of ordinary loader arms by 4 ft.

"It lets you fill wagons and trucks to their maximum capacity with a skid steer or smaller loader tractor," says Oscar Frey of Horst Welding."

The HLA High Dump allows the operator to reach farther into the center of a truck or wagon, something that skid steers otherwise have difficulty doing.

The bucket is available in widths from 60 to 96 in., and capacity varies from 19.2 cu. ft. to 43.3 cu. ft.. Prices range from \$2,800 (Can.) to \$3,800 (Can.), depending on the capacity. It's available from dealers across North America.

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Bucket lets operator reach farther into the center of a truck or wagon when dumping.

Fence-Stretching Car Jack

With one minor modification, an ordinary car jack can be used to make an effective fence stretcher for putting up chain-link fence.

Tom Billingsley of Buckeye, Arizona says it only takes a few minutes to modify one, and they work great.

He simply removes the bottom plate, and also the removable hook attachment on the front of the jack (this is the hook that would have gone under the bumper).

Next, he welds a 1 by 3-in. piece of metal (big enough to hook around a post) on the top of the jack.

Billingsley says he hooks the jack's small carriage hook (the one that was under the attachment he removed) onto the chain-link fence section. He hooks the modified top hook around the post. He then cranks the jack to stretch the wire.

Billingsley says it's best to use two or three stretchers on a 4 ft. high chain-link fence to pull it evenly. After first stretching it tight by hand, a 50-ft. roll of chain link will only need to be stretched about three more feet with the stretchers, he points out.

You could use the same device to stretch other types of fence wire with a bit of extra modification.

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Tom Billingsley says it takes just minutes to modify a car jack into a fence stretcher.



To use, simply hook the jack's small carriage hook into the fence and put the top around the post. Then crank the jack to tighten.

Billingsley, 1131 N. 191 Ave., Buckeye, Ariz. 85326 (ph 623 853-0165).

String Trimmer "Caddy"

If your back and wrists hurt after running a gas-powered string trimmer, you'll like this new two-wheeled cart that makes the job a lot easier, says Cameo Industries, Corp., New London, Minn.

The Kwik Whip Cart is designed to accept most existing gas or electric-operated string trimmers. It rides on a pair of large cushioned wheels and has an L-shaped metal tube that the trimmer clamps onto at two different points. The clamp points have anti-vibration pads and adjust easily to different-size trimmers.

"It lets you trim under trees and other hard-to-reach places with less bending and stretching," says Steve Sundquist.

Sells for \$99.95 plus S&H.

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Caddy carries trimmer on a pair of cushioned wheels.

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New Pruning Saw Cuts Fast, Smooth

"It's faster than a chainsaw for pruning small branches," says Mark Havel about his new pruning saw that he says is ideal for lopping off branches up to 8 ft. off the ground.

"It'll take off most limbs up to 1-in. or larger with one stroke. That's important if you have a tree farm with thousands of young trees to keep pruned."

The secret to the new style handsaw is its length, weight and hook tooth bandsaw-type blades. Most saws have triangular teeth and require down pressure to cut on the move.

"A conventional bow saw will take four to five strokes on a branch that we do in one," says Havel.

The new saw sells for \$95. It's 37 in. long with a 24-in. pull stroke. Each saw comes with two blades. A three tooth per inch blade is suggested for larger limbs and green limbs. Smaller and dead limbs will be removed most easily by the four tooth per inch blade.

The saw bar is machined aluminum with a rubber-coated, plastic handle. The saw weighs only 22 oz. and is extremely durable.

As good as Havel says the saw is, he cautions against using it for general or campfire sawing. "It should be used for pruning right



The secret to Havel's new handsaw is its length, weight and hook tooth bandsaw-type blades.

next to the trunk of a forest tree," he says. "Use it on firewood or a fruit tree branch, and sideways forces can kink the fine blade."

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