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## REPLICA OF 1975 CHEVROLET PICKUP

### Half-Scale 8-Hp Pickup

Retired farmer Carrol Neuhalfen, Coleridge, Neb., built this half-scale 1975 Chevrolet C10 pickup that's an exact replica of the pickup he uses to pull his camper.

The "mini" pickup took him about a year to build and cost about \$600. It's powered by a Briggs & Stratton 8 hp gas engine and has an automatic transmission and power steering. The pickup is exact in nearly every detail to the real thing with a pop-out tailgate, fenderskirts, lights, turn signals, speedometer, and vinyl seats that Neuhalfen hand-stitched. There's even a small GMC emblem (taken off the button of a seatbelt) mounted on the side. The 8-in. wheel rims came off an airport luggage transport cart and the hub caps from a golf cart. There's a tube grill and bug deflector in front. The steering wheel is from a go-cart.

The top and back part of the pickup cab is open. To drive the pickup, Neuhalfen sits in the box and operates the controls through

the rear of the cab.

"I don't have any plans drawn up. I just measured the real thing and scaled it down in half," says Neuhalfen. "I steer with my left hand and use my right hand to operate the accelerator. The automatic transmission was salvaged from an old Deere lawn mower and is equipped with a centrifugal clutch so I can shift from gear to gear on-the-go without using a clutch pedal. The gear shift lever is mounted behind the steering wheel for going from forward to reverse.

"The hood and cab can tilt back for easy access to the engine and wiring."

Neuhalfen used 2-in. wide steel tubing to build the frame, then covered it with fiberglass-covered plywood and body putty.

No plans are available.

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## UNUSUAL OPERATION LETS FARM WIFE WORK AT HOME

### Part-Time "Producer" Sells 900 Head A Month

Shannon Peterson has a feedlot operation that might make many farmers jealous. Working part-time and operating out of the corner of a quonset hut, she sells 900 head a month - of mice.

Peterson and her husband Ken have a 480-acre farm near Beaverlodge, Alberta. When she started looking around for ways to earn extra income, she read an article about raising mice and decided it would be perfect for her. She also runs a pet cemetery and crematorium as well as a small flour mill for custom-grinding grain.

Peterson has about 100 breeding pairs of domestic mice. The offspring are sold to pet stores as food for snakes and other reptiles. It takes about 2 hrs. to feed all her stock. Mice are kept in rectangular plastic tubs with wire mesh lids.

She uses the tops off 1-quart pop bottles to funnel oats and dog food into the cages. Mice begin breeding at 28 days. The gesta-

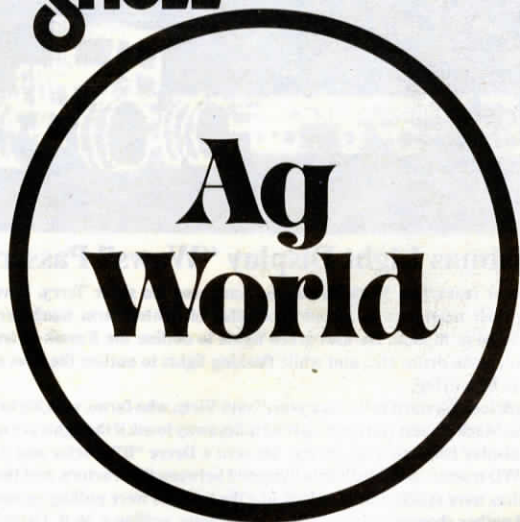
tion period is three weeks and they can be rebred 24 hrs. after giving birth. Babies stay with their parents for 16 to 18 days before being sexed and placed in holding pens. By 5 to 6 weeks of age, they're ready for market.

Peterson sells the mice to wholesalers in Edmonton and Calgary for 50 cents apiece. It's a good income for a small amount of work and low initial cost, she says.

Keeping track of mice to prevent inbreeding is her biggest problem. An inbred condition called "waltzing" causes them to lose their balance ability and makes them unable to function.

Female breeding mice are kept for 6 months. An average litter is 6 to 8 although some can have a dozen. Peterson is working to develop more markets since she hopes to be able to sell 4,000 head a month. (Western Producer)

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Home-made Ferris wheel holds up to six people at a time.

## "FUN FOR KIDS AND GROWNUPS ALIKE"

### Mini Ferris Wheel Pulled By Tractor

Gerald Nutter, Alva, Okla., keeps his grandchildren entertained whenever they come to visit by giving them rides on his home-made, tractor-pulled Ferris wheel. It holds up to six people at a time.

"It's fun for kids and grownups alike," says Nutter.

He mounted the Ferris wheel on the frame of an old round baler that's got a 10-ft. wide axle. He got the seats out of an old school house. There are two sets of seats with 3 seats per set. The seats are mounted on a steel shaft that turns freely inside a pair of

steel I-beams. The I-beams are chain-driven by a sprocket welded onto the baler axle. Nutter uses a small International 340 tractor to pull the Ferris wheel at 3 to 4 mph.

Asked about the safety of his Ferris wheel, Nutter says, "Each seat is equipped with a safety bar so no one can fall out. It's built stout - I've had six grownups in it averaging 150 lbs. apiece."

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## Sourdough Starter Dates

### Back To Alaskan Gold Rush

"I was surprised recently to read in your magazine about a woman who said that, in her experience, upper limit of longevity for sourdough starter (for making sourdough bread) is 15 years," says Howard Abts, Findlay, Ohio.

"I've had my sourdough starter since 1972. If you're willing to take the word of the fellow I got it from, it's half a century old. And if you believe his source and his source's grandfather, the starter actually dates from the Alaskan gold rush in the late 1800's. Legend has it that it was the finest starter in the Klondike.

"I'm offering to share my starter with fellow readers. The stuff can be dried, mailed, and then reconstituted. Just send \$5 and a self-addressed stamped envelope and I'll send a sample along with some of my family's favorite recipes for breads, waffles, etc."

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