

Attractive love seat made from hames, single tree, wagon axle, drill wheels, and old kerosene lamps for decoration.

## “MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS” Frontier Furniture Revives The Past

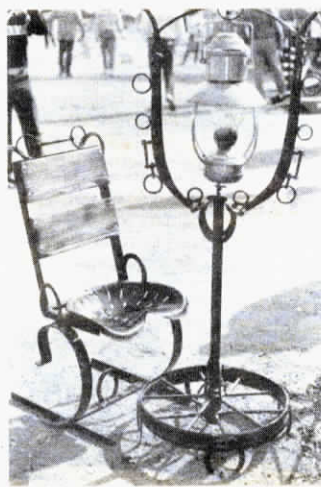
If you've been wondering what to do with that old horse drawn machinery rusting away out behind the barn, how about turning it into Frontier Furniture —like Olen Hollon does.

“Memories are made of this,” says Olen, who has built a booming business turning old cultivator wheels, plow seats and harness parts into love seats, tables, lamp stands and other furniture that customers buy to decorate living rooms, dens, patios and back yards. It's attractive, functional and great for conversation.

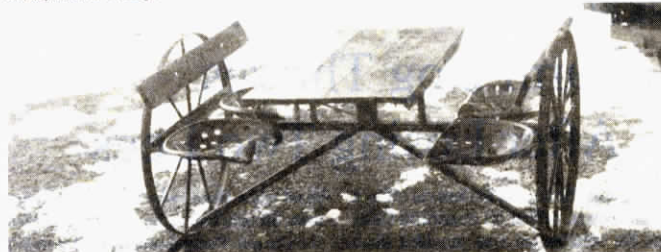
For table tops, he uses red fir wood which he sands, then burns with a torch and varnishes to give it a rustic look.

“I never build two pieces of furniture exactly alike,” says Olen. “You work with whatever old wheels, seats and harness parts you've collected and let your imagination lead the way.”

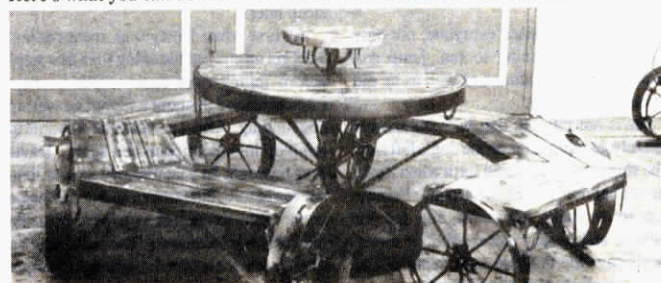
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Here's what you can do with a few cast iron seats and old drill wheels.



“Lazy Susan” wood table top is set inside an old iron wheel rim.



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## “MIDWEST MAN-EATER”

# Iowa Farmer Makes Shark Out Of Sickles

Retired farmer Dale Nafe of Pierson, Iowa, has never seen a shark. But that didn't stop him from creating a life-sized look-alike from a bucketful of discarded sickle sections and some metal rods.

The “Midwest Man-Eater”, as it's been called, stands 12 ft. long and 5 ft. high in Nafe's front yard. It's supported by four 1-in. dia. metal rods. The sickle sections are welded to a framework made from 3/8-in. metal rods spaced about 4 in. apart. Nafe used a shop vice to bend the rods to the shark's profile which includes four fins - two on the back and two on the belly.

“It's unusual enough that it catches the public's eye,” says Nafe. “People often stop along the road and photograph it. Some

even plopped their children on top of it, but that's dangerous because the sickle sections are sharp. I got the idea when I visited a local blacksmith who had a bucketful of new mower sections that he said he couldn't use. I hated to see the mower sections thrown away, and they looked like shark's teeth. I'd never seen a live shark so I went by photographs I found in an encyclopedia.”

Nafe used a pair of blue-green telephone insulators for the eyes and put white paint on the sickle sections that form the jaw, teeth and part of the belly.

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## LOOKS LIKE AN OLD “A” OR “G”

# Mini Deere Tractor Built From Old “Junk”

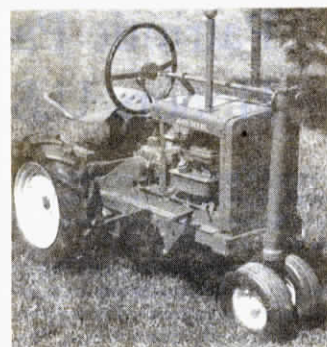
Sief Buhr used parts from two old riding lawn mowers and other “junk” he picked up at auction sales to build a mini Deere tractor that looks like a scaled-down “A” or “G” antique.

The Thomasboro, Ill., farmer used the frame and rear axle from one old mower and the 3 1/2 hp. motor and 3-speed transmission from another. The rear tires and wheels were salvaged from a walk-behind mower.

Buhr says the trickiest part of building the tractor was making the narrow front end and steering gear. “I couldn't find anything small enough so I made it myself using parts I bought off the sale rack at an auction.”

He used a piece of cold rolled steel for the front spindle, bending it slightly in the middle so the wheels would be angled. As for the steering gear itself, Buhr isn't sure what type of equipment it came from. All he knows is that the parts he found had the right angle gearing he needed. It runs outside the body of the tractor, just like on an old “A” or “G”.

Buhr made the non-functioning radiator out of a section of air conditioning condenser he found alongside a road, and he fashioned the tinwork over the top of the engine himself. The muffler (which works) and air cleaner (which doesn't) pipes extend



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out on either side of the steering rod. The steering wheel came from one of the cannibalized garden tractors, and the seat was another auction buy.

“I pull the grandkids around on a small trailer. We plan to enter it in parades,” says Buhr, who worked on the tractor for about a year.

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