

Tuff Kelly: A Smart Operator

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Tuff Kelly almost got it right.
Even though he knew better
than to move his tractor onto a
slope, especially this slope at 20

degrees, he wore his seatbelt.
His tractor was equipped with a
rollover protection structure
(ROPS).
Tuff was prepared for the worst.
And in one case, removing that
rock from some wooded ground he

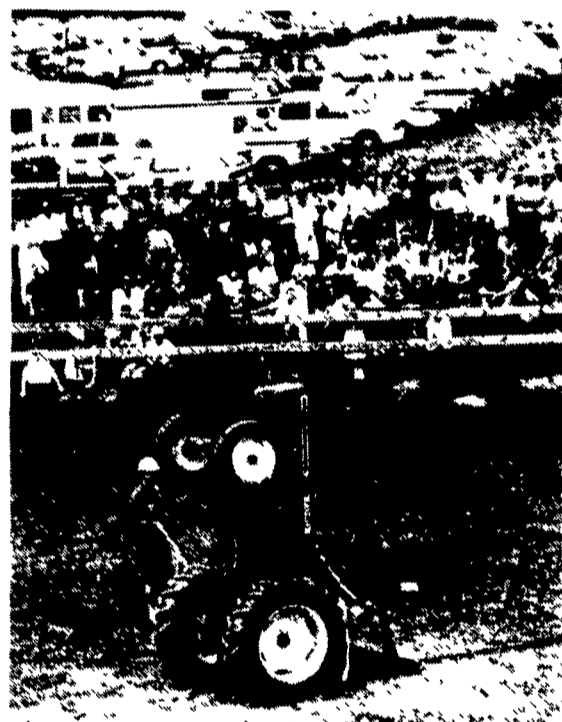
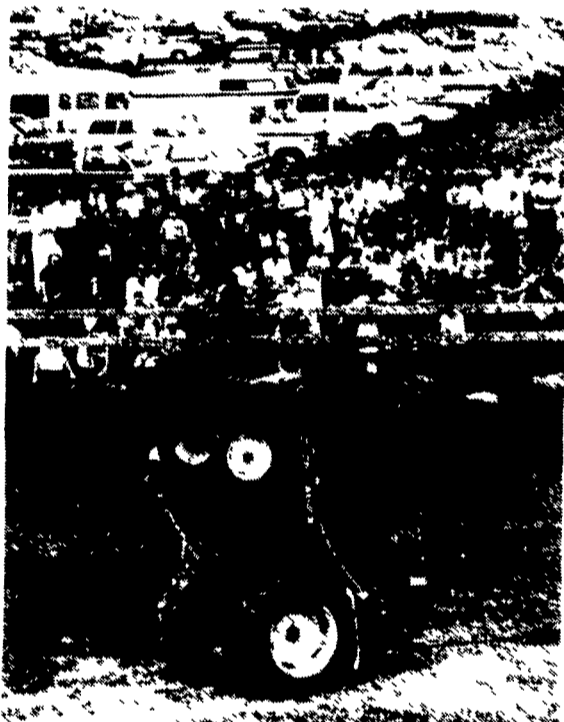
was clearing, he had to move high.
Without thinking, he hitched the
chain too high, above the drawbar.
Without realizing it, the center of
gravity moved higher as he pulled
away, tipping the tractor over.

Luckily, the ROPS protected
Tuff from death. In fact, he didn't
have a bruise!
But Tuff got smart. Next time,
he hitched the chain properly.
After all, it's tough to re-turn an

overturn.
The following series demon-
strates what Tuff Kelly went
through the day he tried to remove
a 6-inch stump. Will Tuff ever
learn?



This series of photos from an Ag Progress Days demonstration show Tuff Kelly overturning. If Tuff, a dummy, didn't have a ROPS as he rolled over backward, he could have been killed. Photos by Andy Andrews



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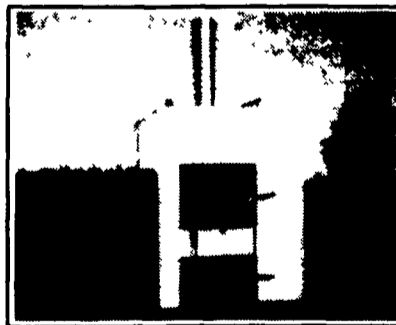
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