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Two lengths of log chain bolt on in place of blades. "It'll knock down 2-in. dia. trees," says Wade Turner.

Giant "Weed Eater" Built From Rotary Mower

By Jim Houtsma, Associate Editor

A pto-powered rotary flail mower can be converted to a giant "weed eater" by replacing the blades with lengths of log chain, according to Wade Turner, a manager of 14,000 acres of pasture land for Canada's Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration in Manitoba.

The conversion was necessary to help control poplar, aspen, balsam and willow brush taking over the area, spreading rapidly over pastures. Turner had tried herbicides and a 5-ft. Deere mower to control the brush but found drawbacks with each method. Herbicides acted too slowly and blades on the mower dulled too quickly and broke too often on rocks, costing up to \$300 apiece to replace.

Doug May at the Prairie Agricultural Machin-

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