



The floating garden above is not a garden of flowers but of strings of scallop shells. The raft is towed to a likely cove and the stringed shells are suspended in the water. Baby oysters attach themselves to the shells. Below the shells is STOL, the Short-Take-Off-and-Landing plane. On the opposite page is a Charolais bull named "Bingo" Belphegor, the proud father of good steers all over North America.

Indian Oysters on a String

The Indians of Eskasoni have produced the world's first oysters on a string and they're both tastier and more expensive. The Eskasonis who own and operate Crane Cove Oyster Farm of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, thread strings with scallop shells and drop them into the Bras d'Or Lakes from rafts. The shells catch the spat-fall of July when the newborn spat are looking about for a bed. They find stringed scallop shells as cozy as the shells of the lake bottom and a lot cleaner. The water which washes the stringed shells is very pure and very salty and that makes the oysters very tasty and worth the price. The



wholesale price runs \$22 for a box of "commercial" oysters and \$35 for "fancy" ones. There are 240 oysters to a box. Plump, grit-free mussels, which cling to the strings uninvited, can be had for eighteen cents a pound. The prices do not include air freight and duty. The Eskasonis plan to increase production twenty-fold by 1976.

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STOL

Canada may have solved a basic city-to-city transportation problem with STOL — one of the oddest planes ever to take off. DeHaviland Aircraft, of Downsview, Ont., aided by \$100 million in government grants, developed the Short Take-Off and Landing plane which can fly almost from the heart of one downtown to the heart of another. Since its gross weight is only 12,000 pounds it needs