

Wool Sewing Contest Begins

Wool doesn't mind being director, headquartered in Denver, headed by the best young seamstresses in the nation, and officially is open for thousands that's exactly what has started with the official launching of the national 1971-72 Make It Yourself With Wool (MIYWW) contest. National finals will be held January 20, 1972, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Miss Joyce Swanson, contest All entry materials for the

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popular contest, that has more than 20,000 young girls sewing with wool, have been completed, including the important entry form. The contest is divided into junior and senior divisions, with ages ranging from 14 to 16 for the juniors and 17 to 21 for senior entrants.

"For the first time in the history of the contest," Miss Swanson continued, "hand-knit and hand-crochet fashions will be admitted in the same categories as the hand-sewn garments—coats, suits, and dresses." Adding hand-knit and hand-crochet is the result of the upsurge in hand-crafts usage which follows the \$3 billion home-sewing business of 1970.

The contest is conducted on the district, state and national levels.

Judging by competent persons at each level is based on the girl's skill in sewing or knitting with 100 percent wool loomed, knitted, felted or spun in America; in making garments properly coordinated in color, design and texture for her own figure and coloring; in selecting fashions suitable to her age and activities; and on modeling the garments submitted.

Top awards are a European trip and luggage for the first-place Junior and Senior Division winners. Additional finalists' awards include college scholarships, government bonds, sewing machines, and other merchandise awards.

Information and entry blanks may be obtained by writing the American Wool Council, Dept. WS, 200 Clayton Street, Denver, Colorado, 80206.

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Seed Test Changes Hearing Set

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced recently that a public hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m. July 12 in room 2096, South Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., to consider proposed changes in rules for seed testing under the Federal Seed Act.

The proposals are designed to correlate the rules for seed testing under the Act with the changes made in June 1970 by the Association of Official Seed Analysts in its Rules for Seed Testing effective Oct. 1, 1970.

The proposals deal primarily with (1) sizes of samples to be tested based on new data regarding number of seeds per gram and (2) temperatures for germination testing based on experimental evidence.

Other proposed changes af-

fect interpretations in (1) distinguishing weed seed and inert matter in some kinds of seed and (2) distinguishing normal and abnormal seedlings in lettuce seed.

The proposed changes were scheduled for publication in the Federal Register June 12. Copies of the proposed changes may be obtained upon request from the Seed Branch, Grain Division, Consumer and Marketing Service, Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md. 20705.

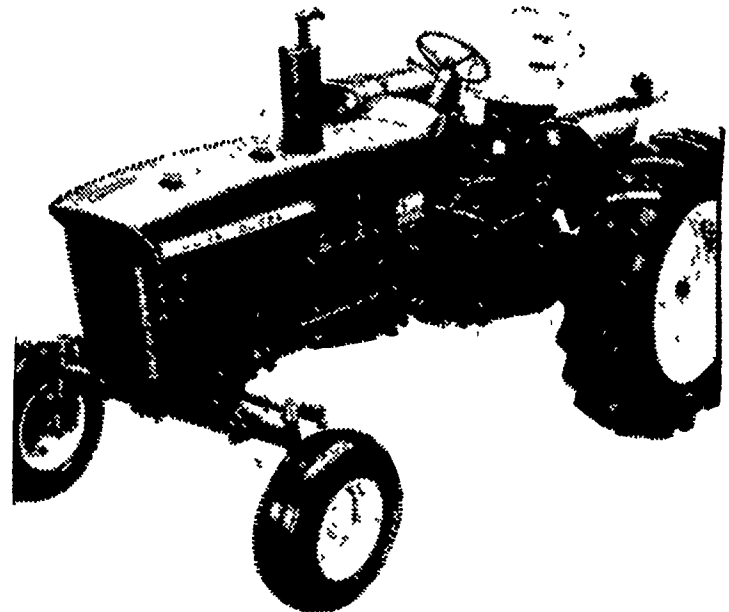
Comments may be made in person at the hearing or in writing, in duplicate, addressed to Hearing Clerk, Room 112-A, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, before Aug. 11. Comments will be available for public inspection in the Hearing Clerk's office.

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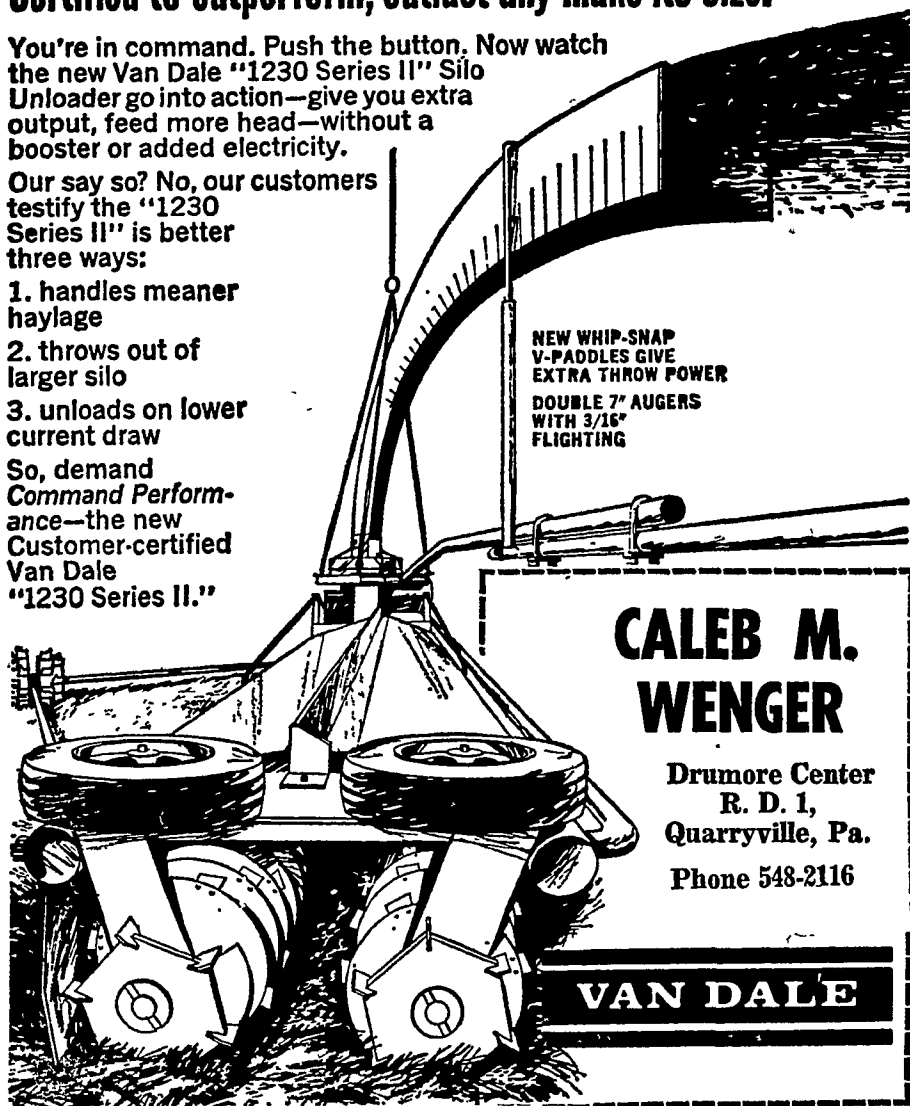
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