

Sellers wins internat'l sheep shearing contest

DENVER, Co. — Bruce Sellers of Chariton, Iowa, won the Champion Professional Sheep Shearing honors at the International Sheep Shearing Contest held at the National Western Stock Show. Sam Haslem, Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and Howard Harper, Eaton, Colorado, were co-superintendents of the contest.

According to Haslem and Harper, this is the second time Sellers has won the title. Sellers has placed in the top five in years past. Winner of the Junior Contest was Mark Currie of Hinkley, Minnesota.

According to Haslem and Harper, this is the seventh time the National Sheep Shearing Contest was held at Denver, Colorado, but the first time the contest received international billing. There were 39 contestants in the professional contest and 10 in the junior contest.

Top award in the National Professional Contest is a "one of a kind ring, featuring a casting of a ram's head with a Napoleonic Ram." The ring is provided by Sunbeam Stewart Products Division, and was presented to Sellers by Gene Szymczak, General Manager of Sunbeam Stewart. The ram's head is copied from a statue commissioned by Napoleon Bonaparte III to com-

memorate one of his champion Rambouillet rams. In addition to the top award ring, Bruce Sellers won \$400.00 from Sunbeam Stewart and 4 from National Western.

Second place in the professional shearing contest went to Michael Crouch of Elmwood, Illinois. Crouch is a former national champion. In addition to winning \$35 from National Western, Crouch won \$200 compliments of Sunbeam Stewart.

Third place went to Ernie Johnston of New South Wales, Australia. Johnston is the current Australian shearing champion. Johnston won \$150 provided by the Sunbeam Corporation, plus \$25 from National Western. Fourth place winner was Gary Reinhart of Fargo, North Dakota, who won \$100 from Sunbeam, plus \$20 from National Western.

Top junior contestant, Mark Currie, won a college scholarship, provided by Sunbeam Stewart, in the amount of \$750, a silver cup trophy, plus \$55 from National Western Stock Show.

Second place junior went to David Hersley of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, who won a \$500 college scholarship, plus a trophy, both provided by Sunbeam Stewart and \$55 from National Western Stock Show.

Third prize went to Bill

Haudenschild of Kenton, Ohio. Haudenschild won a \$300 college scholarship, provided by Sunbeam, plus a trophy and \$45 from National Western Stock Show.

The contestants had to shear two sheep in the preliminaries and three in the finals. The contestants were scored in six items. Time counted 20 percent; condition of fleece 20 percent; manner of handling sheep 15 percent; absence of cuts on sheep 15 percent and appearance of sheep 10 percent.

Judges for the contest were George Scott, Colorado State Fair manager, Pueblo, Colorado; Jim Sacshe, New Mexico Sheep & University Extension Sheep &

Wool specialist, Las Cruces, New Mexico; Hal Bowman of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Gerry Moore, four-time national shearing champion from Greeley, Colorado. Sheep for the contest were feedlot lambs provided by Mountain View Lamb Feeders of Eaton, Colorado.

Wool Growers applaud Reagan repeal

DENVER, Co. — The National Wool Growers Association recently congratulated the President for his courage in repealing Executive Order 11643.

"With this single action," said Don Meike, chairman of the NWGA Board of Directors, "the President has sent a clear message that he means business about controlling the 200 million dollar annual loss in livestock predation and the population explosion of coyotes that is now even threatening and taking human life."

In a telegram to the President, Meike said, "Government can hurt the people and government can

help the people. Thanks to you, today government helped the people."

Executive Order 11643 was issued in 1972 by President Nixon. It banned the use of compound 1080, a toxicant used in predator control, on the nations public lands.

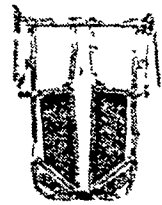
Meike cautioned that the action taken by President Reagan will not immediately permit the use of compound 1080. "The Environmental Protection Agency must first re-register the use of compound 1080," Meike said. "As soon as they do, there will be no road blocks left. The President saw to that today."

The Environmental Protection Agency is in the process of holding adjudicatory hearings on re-registering compound 1080. It is expected that a final decision will be announced sometime in the fall.



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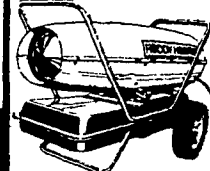
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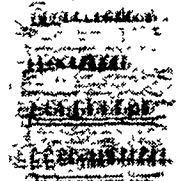


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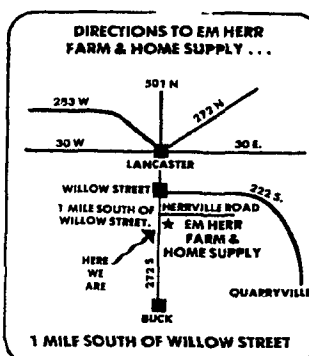
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