



JANE SEWS a fine seam on the Singer machine she received after winning the company's annual sewing competition at the regional level. (Observer photos by Bob Woodring)

Redford Coed Wins Regional Award With Super-Stitching

Jane Copeland of Redford Township began her freshman year at Michigan State University a few weeks ago with a wardrobe of well-fitted, sharp and practical outfits she's made for herself.

She also began it the proud possessor of a Singer Touch-and-Sew sewing machine, won at the regional level of the 1972 Singer World Style-maker contest.

Jane, who has been making her own clothes for several years now, spent about \$40 on the hunter green no-wale corduroy slacks and jacket outfit that she coordinated with a rayon jersey print shirt in shades of green, white and purple.

ENTERING the Singer competition at the Livonia Mall store for the fourth year, she took top honors in the deb division, for girls 16 to 18, and then her suit was judged best from stores in six midwestern states and she was awarded her new "do-everything" sewing machine.

The sandy-haired daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Copeland wasn't particularly concerned when her suit failed to place in the national finals. She was too busy getting ready for campus life at MSU and working at her part-time job up to the last day before leaving.

Jane had been a local winner two years ago, and she was the first teen from classes at the Mall store to win the regionals.

She put together her prize-winning outfit in a flurry of sewing in the two weeks before the local competition.

"I had been taking a summer course at Lawrence Tech," explained Jane, who will study medical technology at MSU, "and I figured I'd have plenty of time after it was over.

"Then I got a job, and so the sewing had to be done at night. And the family was away on vacation, so I didn't even stop to cook much -- I lost five pounds while making the suit."

THE OUTFIT went together and fit well with a minimum of change, said Jane, who used a Vogue pattern. "It really wasn't very hard, but all the facings and interfacings took a long time."

For her college clothes, Jane put the emphasis on plenty of pants. She likes to make her own because they fit better.

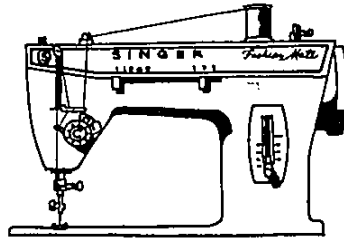
"I try on jeans in the store and wonder who they possibly could be made for," said this well-proportioned seamstress. "They certainly don't fit me."

When shopping for fabric, Jane usually stays away from cottons and picks the blends. "I look for something that will wash well and I like to pick

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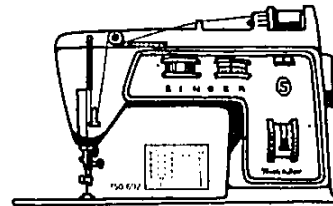
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