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The Van Gieson's reversed direction of an IH 915 and mounted a 550-bu. hopper over the drive wheels to create an easy-to-handle, self-propelled grain cart.

## MANEUVERABLE, SPEEDY WAY TO BRING IN A CROP

### Self-Propelled Grain Carts Built From IH Combines

By Jim Houtsma, Associate Editor

"Last fall we used two of these rigs to haul approximately 1,700 bu. of corn per hour away from an International 1688 combine and the combine rarely ever got ahead of us, even though we sometimes had to travel a mile to the bin and back," says Harley Van Gieson who built the two big, self-propelled grain carts out of International combines.

The Norwich, Kan., custom harvester and his son, Robert, plan to build a third cart this year. And several custom harvesters and farmers have approached the men about building carts for them.

That's because they're so maneuverable in the

field and so speedy on the road.

"They steer real easy, a lot easier than any combine," Van Gieson says. "You can travel fully loaded in the field at 8 or 9 mph and go as fast as 16 mph unloaded."

The Van Giesons used early-1970's IH 915's that they say are available in reasonably good condition for as little as \$3,000. They completely tear the machine apart from top down, saving only the lower drive train, engine, cab, hydrostatic transmission, and unloading system.

Next, they fabricate a new, heavier frame and

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