



MACHINERY REPAIR forms a large portion of the shop work done by students of vocational agriculture at Pequea Valley High School. Elvin Hillard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hillard, Narvon R2, overhauled the motor on this corn picker and will repair the machine before school closes. The equipment will be ready to roll next fall when corn picking time comes around. Henry Givler gives him some fine points on setting the timing on the motor. L. F. Photo.



TEACHERS OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE get close to their work sometimes. Lewis Hershey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hershey, Gordonville R1, wanted to check the growth rate of his first project heifer, and Henry Givler, his teacher of vocational agriculture helped with the "taping" during this farm visit after school hours. Lewis is in ninth grade at Pequea Valley High School. L. F. Photo.

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donville R1 where he inspected the project heifer of Lewis Hershey, a ninth grade student. Lewis needed some help in measuring the heart girth and height at the withers of his heifer in order to keep a growth chart up to date. After checking the calf and making suggestions for improved feeding and management programs, we drove to the farm of Lloyd Rantz, Paradise R1.

Donald Ranck is practicing for competition on Monday in the York-Lancaster area FFA public speaking contest. He had his speech memorized and was using a tape recorder from the school to check on himself. While the contestant must write and deliver the speech himself, the teacher of vocational agriculture is there with helpful suggestions on delivery and questions to make sure the boy has a background knowledge of his subject.

Givler, who attended Solanco High School in the early 1940's spent a hitch in the submarine service of the U.S. Navy and graduated from the Agricultural

Education curriculum at Penn State in 1952. After two years in a new department at Red Lion, York County, he moved to Pequea Valley and started the department of vocational agriculture there. It has taken a lot of work, but Givler says he is seeing some of his labors bearing fruit with the Keystone Degree winners all farming, a boy applying for the highest award in FFA, and more than 70 per cent of former students in farming or closely related occupations.

The sun had left the sky and dusk was settling over the rich farmlands of Paradise Township as I left for a fast drive home to a late supper.

I had enjoyed my ride, but I was glad I didn't have to hurry back to attend the evening meeting at the school. Teachers of vocational agriculture are on duty twelve months of the year and on call most of the day and night. Their salary is a little higher than that received by regular nine-month teachers, but they earn it.

This too is agriculture, I thought.



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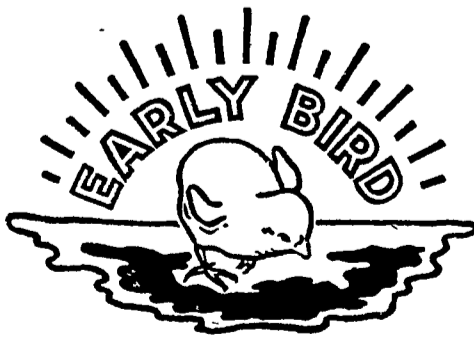
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