From Local Ag Teachers:



Thoughts in Passing



Editor's Note: This fifth of many articles in a special column written by various agriculture teachers in our service area explains the role of the newest farm-related courses floriculture and horticulture. This educational series, designed to be of interest to and have educational value for all farm people, offers an opportunity for the farm community to become better acquainted with the teachers and for them to express their own interest in the local agricultural community. By Bill Mitchell

"Of those students currently in high school, only three out of 10 will go on to academic collegelevel work One-third of those will drop out before getting a baccalureate degree That means that eight out of 10 present high school students should be getting occupational

training of some sort But only about two of those eight students are, in fact, getting such training Consequently, half our high school students, a total of approximately 1,500,000 a year, are being offered what amounts to irrelevant, general educational pap!"

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This statement was made by Dr Sidney Marland, United States Commissioner of Education Mr. Marland is referring to the fact that over one half or our students who graduate (Continued on Page 15)

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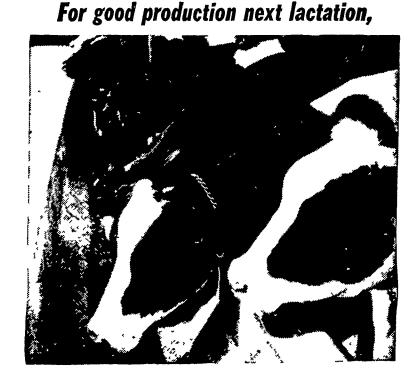
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