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From Local Ag Teachers:



Thoughts in Passing

Editor's Note: The article this week was prepared by J. Richard Thomas, agriculture teacher at Lampeter-Strasburg High School.

It Hardly Matters

Some segments of American Society are becoming less and less concerned about money, fame and position, but rather are concerned about living life and enjoying it. A folk song puts it this

It hardly matters what I know, from where I come or where I

or whom I must forgive, It hardly matters how I die. or who I am remembered by if I have learned to live.

It is said that a mans success is measured by his ability to successfully live rather than by being successful. Recently there was an article in the Wall Street

Journal about Americans who were considered to be quite successful, but were not happy with their work (rat race) and the style of life that they were living—so many are dropping out to live a more simple life that they can enjoy, even if they are not as respected by society in general as they were in their former positions.

Someone recently accused the educational system of failure to educate his son because the boy has no idea of what occupation to enter, has no established goals, nor any idea of what he wants to accomplish with his life. Examples such as this show that education must be more than just the transfer of technical knowledge.

Agricultural education strives to educate students so they have a salable skill or are able to



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continue their education after graduation from high school. Students are prepared to enter the agricultural society by:

1) Learning aspects of technical agriculture needed in the agricultural world of work.

2) Development of leadership and self-confidence by participation in FFA activities.

3) Learning about job opportunities, requirements for particular jobs, and the future of jobs in the various areas of agriculture. Vocational guidance that helps the student to understand himself together with the learaning of job opportunities allows the student to work toward a job which will fit with his lifes goals and aspirations.

Since this is the end of another school year, it is a good time for each of us to consider our role in educational process. students, other Parents, community persons, as well as teachers, have an important part in the education of community youth. The extent to which we all work together is the degree to which education will be successful When we all work together the result will be successful persons who know how to live successfully-If this is the result, then we, working together, have been successful. Does it hardly matter?

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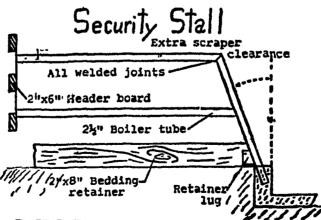
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