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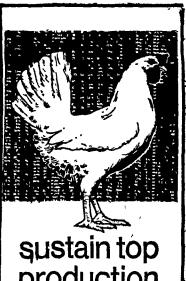
The Article this week was prepared by Robert Woods, teacher of agriculture at Garden Spot High School.

## Value of the Work **Experience Program**

As director of the agricultural work experience program at Garden Spot High School I'd like to take a few moments to explain the tremendous value a program like this can offer to an agriculture student.

As director of the program, it is my job to contact various agribusinesses in the area to set up possible training stations for the student. One of the main purposes of the vocational education program is to provide agriculture students with knowledge and skills which can be applied later for gainful employment in agriculture businesses. This training must be suited to the needs, interests, ability and interest of each individual student.

The classroom and vocational agriculture shop facilities are provided to help the student prepare for future employment but together are some what limited in scope. This is where the supervised work experience program can be extremely beneficial. The director of the program recognizes the abilities and interests of the students and directs him to a work station that fits his interests and abilities.



Cooperative education, as this is commonly called, requires the close planning and cooperation of three major groups: the school,

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parents and students, and business and industry. With these three groups working closely together a student can successfully be prepared for a career in agriculture industry.

During the senior year in agriculture before beginning work at the cooperating station, which lasts for a period of nine weeks, the student is trained in public relations and employment opportunities related to agriculture. The procedure is followed to help guide the student and help him fit better into the agriculture industry.



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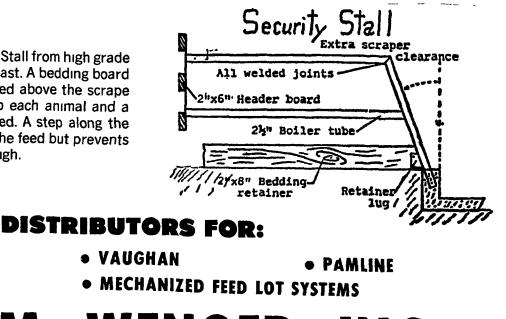
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