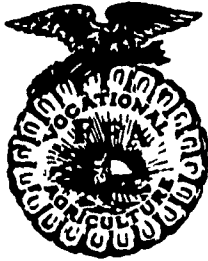


From Local Ag Teachers:



Thoughts in Passing



The article this week was prepared by G. Lamar Bollinger, student teacher of vocational agriculture, Ephrata High School.

How important are the supervised experience

programs in vocational agriculture? Are the extra miles and hours spent for home visits really necessary? Experience programs are a vital part of the total agriculture

education program. Home project visits and occupational supervisory visits are extremely important in conducting quality experience programs. Both student and teacher have much to gain from the experience programs.

By getting to know more about each student from home visits, the teacher can better understand each student's individual needs and problems as well as his potential abilities. The student's own purposes, aptitudes, interests, and ideas are taken into consideration when planning a meaningful learning experience. The instructor can work closely with the student's parents in recommending new experiences and in developing student initiative. Quality in experience programs is dependant on the instructor and student deciding on a good experience program and on developing a good understanding relationship with the parents or supervisors.

Experience programs provide student involvement. Students use the skills and abilities discussed in class in their farming programs. There are many opportunities in the agriculture industry.



G. Lamar Bollinger

Agriculture education is changing in order to provide a diversity of experience programs in agribusiness education, to meet the needs of the students as well as the community. The agricultural resources of the community are used to provide specialized training in a diversity of agricultural businesses in the community. The supervised occupational experience program includes exploratory experiences, work experience in agribusiness,

cooperative work-study, production projects, improvement projects, and supplementary practices.

The program is broad enough to include an opportunity for every student, boy or girl, farm or non-farm, to develop a comprehensive, individualized occupational experience program in the broad field of agriculture, including production, marketing, processing, supply, and services. Agriculture is a dynamic industry with many challenges for the future. Agriculture education will continue to strive to meet the needs of the industry, the student, and the community.

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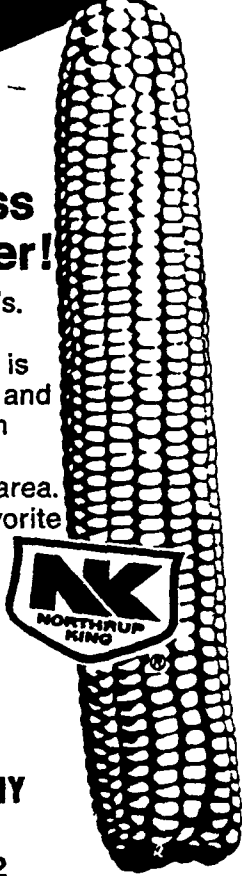
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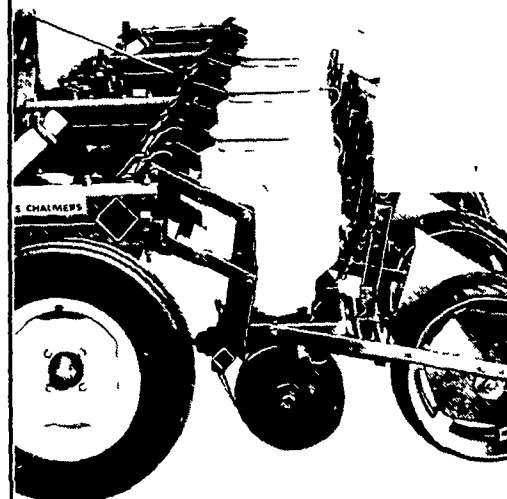
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