

Letters To The Editor

I was happy to read the comment in your editorial about the military budget and high priced generals.

I teach in our local high school and am a week-end farmer on my 123 acre farm. I pay over \$2000 in income taxes. Over one-half of this is used for defense and for

interest for past wars

I believe that all of us need to work for peace. We can do this by trying to understand how other people feel who are affected by our foreign policy. For example, the Iranian students.

Trying to understand the benefits of trade with Russia

and all other countries. For example, I believe that Russians paid for some grain with gold, and as a trade for gas and oil. Since Russia sells over one million barrels of oil to the free world we are following a self-defeating course by withholding the best equipment and technology.

Publicizing the terrible waste of the defense department. For example, the Air Force alone, uses more than one-half as much fuel as all the country's commercial airlines.

Thank you for an excellent paper.

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You can sure that no two people will ever completely agree on a certain subject. Luckily we are in a country where we are free to express our opinions.

About a month ago someone thought that our township should have a vacuum to collect everyones leaves I was opposed to this idea because I thought it would waste vast amounts of tax dollars and energy. It put my leaves on the garden to be plowed under. Even in town neighbors that don't want leaves could give the leaves to neighbors with garden patches.

Shortly after I wrote our local paper expressing my opinions we had about two inches of snow. While the

snow was still on the ground a man in his seventies called jokingly to inform me that I wouldn't have to worry about the leaves since it had snowed. It was then that I wished I had saved the Rural Route concerning shoveling snow so the leaves could be raked. I am sure this gentleman would have enjoyed it.

Last fall my brother-in-law was working for a local orchard. He would come home with car load after car load of apples which he could gather off the ground at no charge. We were almost knee deep in apple peels and about that time Tom Armstrong wrote a comic strip about apple season. The

farmers wife is telling the farmer about all the apple dishes to be served for supper. He is shown heading for the barn, axe in hand, saying apple season or no apple season some chicken is going to have an accident between now and supper. We all enjoyed that comic strip as it really hit home.

I do enjoy Tom Armstrong's Rural Route even though many strips don't apply to myself or family. In these trying times it is nice to be able to laugh at oneself and with others. I will continue to look forward to the arrival of Lancaster Farming on the weekend.

James Strayer
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