

Manheim Central Makes Ag Class Mandatory

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MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — In the classroom at Manheim Central High School, students are gaining a new appreciation for farmers.
 It's an attitude that is long past due and one that seems to be dwindling nationwide as the population

becomes farther and farther removed from the tillers of the soil. As city limits stretch into suburbs and encroaching farmland, residents are prone to hold their noses at chicken house odors and complain about pesticide and insecticide use.
 That's because too many citizens don't know where their food



Ninth grade students say that the required agriculture course gives them a new respect for farmers.



Manheim Central High School agriculture teachers who implemented the required classes for all ninth graders, from left, are Heather Peters, Deb Seibert, and Charles Ax III.

comes from and the purposes behind those smells.

But Manheim students are different from the average scholar because the school's administra-

tive personnel and board recognize the importance of agriculture in today's society. The administration wants the students to evaluate the impact of agriculture on socie-

ty and how the students are connected to agriculture.

Every ninth-grader at the school is required to take a nine week

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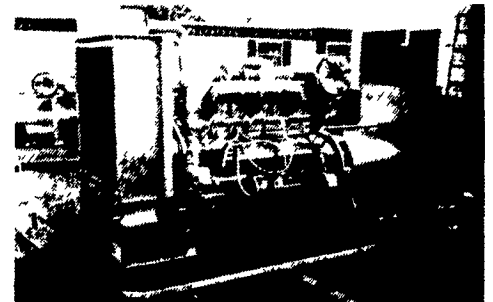


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