THE SOCIAL SIDE

Three more days and we will be Short Course graduates. For two winters we have been studying various ways of becoming better farmers. We have learned more effective methods of tilling the land, feeding livestock, and marketing the products of our labor.

However, important these things may be, if they were all we learned while we are here, our education would be far from complete. In a few days we will go out and start to make our own way in the world. What we have learned here will probably enable us to make more money than our neighbors. But is money the most important thing after all? I do not know anyone who is really happy merely because he has a lot of money. The person who seems to me to be the happiest is the one who has a good philosophy of life, who understands the feelings and moods of other people and who is able to get along with them because of this understanding.

I do not believe that this side of our life has been neglected. Through our classes in citizenship, sociology, literature, and psychology, we have learned a lot about why people do what they do when they do it.

We have also learned many of the fundamentals of a happy home life which I am sure all of us hope to have at some time in the future.

Because we have had these courses we are better fitted to meet the problems of life which we will have to face and to get a more thorough enjoyment of its beauties than we would have had if our curriculum had been confined to the more material subjects.

- Robert Strohman - '37