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Why plan for my future? I think this question should be thought over and considered in choosing a vocation. If everyone had thought this over and tried to do something for themselves, many of the people would not be unemployed. Planning for my future helps me in thinking. Everyone should think of what they are going to do after they are out of school. I think planning has a lot to do with the future. To me, it determines success or failure. I've read in books of cases, where some people failed in what they did because they lacked planning.

The question arises as to how long you should remain in school. Of course, this depends greatly on the individuals, but as for most, they say at least a high school education. Going to school day after day, and year after year, soon tires students and so some get the idea of quitting, just because the law permits them to. After a person gets older, this person will be liable to regret for not going to school longer. So here's our chance!

Schools will help us to have a better opportunity to live a happy and successful life. You can't get every information at school, but in magazines, periodicals, libraries, observation and by contacting people. Schools will help us to acquire skills which is very essential in the future. In manual training, sewing, agriculture, drawing and other kinds of hard work we develop skills. When we have learned to acquire skills, we will have learned to appreciate it. Skills acquired in school not only help us in selecting an occupation but also help directly in our preparation. By appreciation, I mean, like if you like to sew and make dresses, you would look carefully at the workmanship of the dress you buy.

I think the real purpose of going to school is training which will aid us in being useful, happy and successful. In order to have a successful life good health, developing character, making wise use of one's time when not at work, knowing what is meant by a good citizen, helping to maintain the best kind of home life, doing faithfully and well at work for which one is suited and which is useful to the world, are all very important in every respect. School helps us to secure or preserve good health in gym to develop strong healthy bodies. By taking different vaccinations, it helps us protect ourselves from various diseases and also by taking physical examinations, it helps us to care for our body and develop the habit of obeying the rules for them. Schools help us to use our time wisely when we are not working by cultivating our interests in good books, music, pictures, sports, and clubs. We learn what is expected

of a good citizen in school. In civics and history we learn how government was made and how it is conducted. Schools gives us experience in working with others, and teaches us to respect the rights and property of others and helps us to realize how important it is to obey and respect the laws. Schools helps us to fit better into our family life by training us for citizenship. Helps us to be considerate of father, mother, brothers and sisters, and to take our share of responsibility for making the home the happiest place in the world. Learning to live worthily in our homes, in fact, is the first lesson of good citizenship as I have learned it in Family Living. School helps us to simulate courage, honesty, fair play, unselfishness, and cooperation. If provided an opportunity for us to learn in classes, about many different kinds of work, what the person engaged in each kind of work does, what preparation he needs, what advancement he has, and the other things we need to know in making up our minds about the occupation and the future. Schools gives us chance to try out our interest and ability in certain lines of study and certain fields of work. For example, we had opportunity to find out while still in June and {uncertain} whether we have much ability in mathematics, in science, in foreign language, in drawing, in music, and in many other things. It provided us with the assistance of our school counselors and teachers in studying strong and weak points and in comparing these with requirements and preparation needed for success in an occupation. School provides us valuable preparation for our future work. School is a big job, itself, and the more better training and experience we get in this job, up to a certain point, the better job we may look forward to obtaining and the greater progress we may expect to make when we leave school.

Maybe, I haven't stuck to the topic by talking about school too much but I think by having an education as explained, helps us to a great deal in our future and in planning our vocation.

I have always been interested in Practical Arts. In fact, I liked it so much, I chose it as my major. Of course, all majors are not because you liked it. Some take it because they didn't know what to take, when it came to choose the curriculum. I have always thought over this matter of choosing my vocation. I think I have chosen my curriculum to fit myself. I mean by that, homemaking is very important to all girls and I should think, girls should have at least a little training in that course. I read some books which it says that homemaking isn't accounted for in other occupations. They say that even though it is very important and it claims time and thought and effort of many people, homemaking is not accounted for in other occupations for they are not classified as wage-earners unless hired as house keepers, maids or servants, and then they are classified as in the domestic and personal service group.

Why is homemaking so important? It is important for this reason. The girl who becomes a good homemaker should know something about costs of food, clothing, keeping budgets and accounts, so that she will know how much to spend family income wisely. Careful, intelligent, preparation is therefore needed. I think it is very important that a girl will learn to plan her work well, just as an office manager would make a plan, in order that the work will run smoothly and easily. She must know something about home nursing. She must know something about child care, not only for physical welfare of child, but how to train children to become good citizens. She must know something about furnishing the home, the making and care of clothing, planning and cooking nourishing meals. Future homemaker should take courses in household arts in school. She should form the habits in magazines available at libraries, how to plan meals, to care for children, to furnish her home attractively according

to their means to plan her time so that she can have leisure for pleasure and rest, and to make her family a useful part of a community. She should gain practical experience for her future work by helping to plan and prepare meals, by planning how to budget and spend her own allowance in school.

Some people think homemaking means just washing dishes, dusting and preparing meals, but it means much more to me. I think she should be cheerful and patient and ready to see the bright side of every situation. Also she should have ability to meet emergencies. She should have a ready sympathy and a keen consideration for feelings and rights of others. Her ideals of morals should be of the highest and good citizenship. She should appreciate the value of her work in the world and should find joy in {unclear} others.

All students are members of a home and so will find home-making courses of benefit. The numerous offerings of homemaking courses give girls, especially, the opportunity of becoming expert in a necessary and practical field. Courses in homemaking are strong, dignified, scientific and practical.

Homemaking should be studied by all students for it is of practical use and to boys and girls in their own home. Many high school boys and girls have no opportunity to learn cooking, sewing, laundry, and home decoration except at school. These are important skills for which should be possessed by everyone. Each person who is privileged to be a member of a home should help in the tasks which must be performed.

My ambition is to keep on attending school in drafting and sewing. I think it will be beneficial for me to do this, for if I can learn to draft my own patterns and sew it by myself, I would gain more satisfaction out of it than buying it. In times of emergency, everything goes up in prices, so therefore it will be twice as cheap when you have learned to make it. Usually garments bought for everyday wear will not last as long as clothes made at home.

I would also like to take courses in night school concerning Homemaking such as Interior Decoration, Family Relationship, etc., which is essential to me.

In order to have a happy home, every member of a home should have the responsibilities and leisure together. Family is the most important institution both to the individual and society. Getting along with people and sharing with them, cooperating with them, takes place within the family. These things must be considered in relationships with the Family Problems. So my future ambition is to become a House Wife.