

SHOP TALK

ELECTRIC SHOP

The electricians have had more time for laboratory experiments and radio study during the past month. The class is working on a power supply pack which will prolong the life of a battery. And just recently they have rebuilt the heating element on the popcorn machine from Winona hall.

The latest scoop has it that the reason our instructor has been absent the last few days is a severe case of the measles. We surely hope he has a speedy recovery.

AUTO SHOP

The auto mechanics boys are studying the principles of carburetion and fuel pumps. Each student is required to dismantle both a fuel pump and a carburetor and then re-assemble both. The test is how well the part works after it has been "reconditioned."

The dump truck has been in the shop for an overhaul, including brake relining, moving the battery

mounting and motor tune-up.

The school bus is getting a brand new motor and a new two-speed differential. When the new coat of paint is applied the old bus will be better than ever.

The shop is having quite a run of minor wreck repairs. Looks like "body and fender" work will have new emphasis in our course.

SHOE REPAIR SHOP

For about three weeks our shop has been handicapped on account of the stitcher breakdown. We have to hand nail some and cement some of the emergency repair work. Shoes are piling high in the shop. This really proves how much modern machinery is required for our normal living.

Ray Pete, a senior, is working part time in Jim's Shoe Service in Salem. This experience is a very valuable part of his training. He will graduate this spring.

Leathercraft projects are proving very popular and many hand tooled wallets, belts, etc., are now in the finishing process.

DOWN ON THE FARM

During the first week in February the senior ag. boys, with the help of the 10th grade boys, finished the tractor project they were building. It is all completed now, except getting it ready to start.

Since spring is just around the corner and the weather is getting better, it won't be long now before the Ag boys will have the plows out of the sheds and ready for spring plowing. Spring plowing consists of plowing under cover crops.

The senior boys spent two days this past week grading roads.

All the Ag club boys have finished their leather work and are choosing other projects to work on.

PLUMBING SHOP

Due to the freeze this winter the plumbing business has been good. We now have two students. We are spending most of our shop period on sheet metal work, having just completed a set of book ends. Other items that we made are a funnel, small tray, and several tool carriers for the auto shop. Also as a class project we made and installed collector heads and down spouts for the electric shop.

Our next project will be to make metal nail trays with partitions.

PRINT SHOP

The print shop started the second semester with fifteen students. Work is progressing on the various projects and lessons are going along on schedule. Loretta Quaempts, senior, did the make-up and press work on the last two issues of the American.

PAINT SHOP

Arthur Hickox is our most experienced student now and he says glazing windows carelessly broken is one of the worst jobs in the shop.

The new student painters are spending most of their time learning such things as What is paint? Why do we paint? How to prepare surfaces for paint or varnish, and last, but no least, how to keep a neat and usable note book.

CARPENTER SHOP

The carpenters have completed a two-car garage, replacing an old condemned garage. They are now concentrating on cabinet work and furniture repair.

Ernest Lewis, senior, is going to build a kitchen sink cabinet for one of his "clients." Ernest is a hustler and seems to be doing a thriving business.

McNARY HALL

"Rain, rain go away!

Come again some other day."

This is the song, or should I say moan, that is heard most frequently these days, and by close observation we find these moans and groans coming from rooms occupied by Montanans. It seems that they have seen so little moisture during their lives that they mistake our "liquid sunshine" for rain.

McNary hall's roving reporter overheard the following remark the other day, "It seems that the door knobs in McNary hall are getting larger and longer." Better watch where you are walking in the future, Delford. And, by the way, "How did you bump both eyes on the same door knob?" We notice that Cyril learned where the door knobs were after bumping one eye.

Spring is in the air and just around the corner. How do we know? Well, a good omen of that is the number of boys seen tossing the baseball around these days, to say nothing of the marble games the

smaller fry are engaged in. Also, the "far away" look in the eyes of some of the boys may be a sign of the coming season. We do not know if that is the cause of those expressions in Reggie Wells and Delmar Hickox's eyes. A noted authority tells me it is only "love light."

"Where oh where are my little boys gone?

Where oh where can they be?"

So sings Mrs. Mitchell when she needs their assistance. She knows that she will most likely find them in the recreation room playing table tennis. It is becoming very popular and soon we hope to hold a tournament. The reporter's money is being placed on "Bugs" James. He swings a wicked paddle. Dick Thorpe also swings(?)

We are always happy to hear from our boys who are in the service. Some of those we have not listed before are Omar Winishut and Delton Switzler who, Victor Jackson writes, are in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, ready to start their training in parachute jumping. We wish them the best of luck and hope we will soon have all our boys back with us.