

### Class in Welding Completes Course at High School Plant

Last week saw the completion of a course in welding and farm machinery repair given at the Heppner school shop two nights a week since the beginning of the year. The class was organized and sponsored by the vocational education department of the school under the direction of Marvin Wightman, assisted financially by the state board of vocational education, and the local school district.

Forty farmers and townspeople attended the course 12 of whom will be awarded diplomas for participation in five or more classes. These are Ray Drake, John Graves, Ralph Beamer, Earl McKinney, Esten Stevens, Barton Clark, Paul Jones, Howard Evans, Kenneth Smouse, Douglas Drake, Marvin Davis and Claude Drake.

Because of the limited equipment the class was kept small, and the generosity of the owners of welding equipment in bringing their own outfits was largely responsible for the success of the course. At one time a shortage of acetylene gas threatened to bog down the entire project. Those who contributed equipment and materials were McKinney, Smouse, Mankin and Bunch, Cutsforth and Graves, Ray Drake and Markham Baker.

Several films were shown, dealing with arc welding, care of the farm tractor and soil conservation. Ray Kent, of the Pendleton Soil Conservation district, discussed reopening of the Heppner Soil Conservation district in March.

The pupils themselves were generous in their praise of the course, and each seemed to feel that he had made a worth-while investment of his time. Although several had never had experience with welding torches to begin with not one was unable, at the finish, to make simple welds and do most emergency repair work on farm machinery calling for welding. Others who have used welding outfits for years argued that the acquisition of a few welding tricks increased the useful application of this form of repair.

Harold Becket, who taught the classes, said, "I was lucky in having a group of men to instruct who were eager to learn and worked hard to master everything that was demonstrated. I could not have had a better group with which to work."

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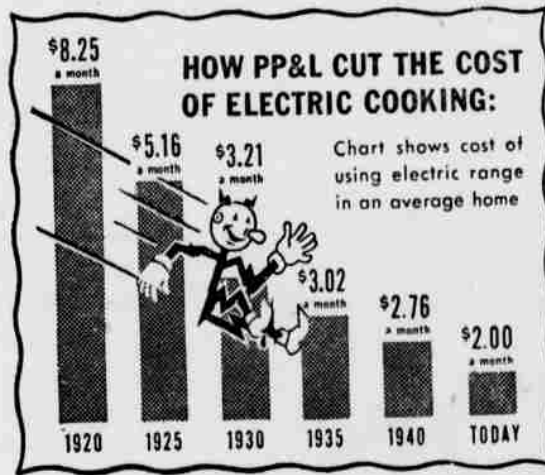
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