

Background Of Evaluation School Committee Formation Recalled

(This is the first of a series of 10 articles outlining findings and recommendations of the Roseburg School District Evaluation Steering Committee and its subcommittees.)

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Two years of extensive work has been completed with the submission of a report to the Roseburg School Board by the School Evaluation Steering Committee.

The 23-page report, signed by Chairman Harold E. Schmeer, is introduced by a short history of the committee, purposes and membership list. It is climaxed by findings and recommendations.

Combined reports of the subcommittees contain about 300 pages. A ten-member group comprised the steering committee and 12 subcommittees served under them.

Group Formed

The Steering Committee grew out of a group known as the Citizens' Assn. for Better Schools. This group was formed in April 1954 after the school budget was defeated twice.

At that time, Dudley Walton, who is still on the School Board, said the defeat of the school budget showed the people's desire for a "revolution" in the education system. The Citizens' Assn. for Better Schools was formed to defeat the school budget and bring about a re-evaluation of the district's policy of education.

Another committee known as the Save Our Schools Committee was organized in the same month. This group was in favor of passing the budget.

By May of 1956 the Citizens' Assn. for Better Schools presented a program for the evaluation of the Roseburg schools. During the month the School Board authorized the evaluation and called on citizen assistance in setting up an evaluation committee.

Committee Selected

The board then chose 10 persons for the evaluation committee. Each group, the Assn. for Better Schools and Save Our Schools committees, submitted not less than 20 names apiece for the evaluation committee.

Persons appointed were Elton Jackson, Mrs. Jack Chapman, Charles Collins, Harold Glover,

Mrs. Kenton L. Gum, Patricia Mayo, Ross Myers, Vice Chairman James G. Richmond, Secretary Mrs. R. G. Scott and chairman Schmeer.

Since the Steering Committee was formed, Lee Wimberly was appointed to replace Don Metzger and Walt Barker to replace Elton Jackson. Barker resigned when he moved from Roseburg and a replacement for him was not appointed. Eino Hemmilla was appointed to replace Elliott Motchenbacher as publicity director when Motchenbacher moved to Ashland. Although Patricia Mayo moved from Roseburg to Glendale she did not resign her position.

Budget Passed

In June of 1956 Roseburg voters passed the budget calling for \$1,043,774.72 outside the 6 per cent limitation but defeated a special issue requesting \$15,000 to aid in the school evaluation.

If the \$15,000 had been granted an outside professional service would have been hired to do the evaluation. Despite the failure of the evaluation item, the project went ahead.

Findings and recommendations of the Steering Committee and its subcommittees will be explained in subsequent issues of The News-Review.

Four Douglas Co. Drivers Have Licenses Suspended

Four Douglas County drivers had their licenses suspended during the period of Sept. 29-Oct. 3, 1955, because of Motor Vehicle violations reported Monday.

One-year suspensions were given Frank Lewis Brown, 23, of Rt. 1, Roseburg, and William Glen Fox, Glendale. Brown was cited for driving without an operator's license; Fox for violation of Oregon's basic rule.

Jack James Kuyper, 35, of Sutherlin lost his license for 90 days on a drunk driving conviction, and Lionel Lynn Potter, 32, drew a 30-day suspension for reckless driving upon recommendation of the court. His address is 1334 Grandview Dr., Roseburg.

PARKING METERS RIFLED

PORTLAND (AP) — One hundred parking meters have been rifled here in the past three weeks, police said Tuesday.

Police said that the thieves apparently have a key to the meters.

Basil O'Connor Named First Layman To Receive One Of Foremost Medical Prizes

NEW YORK (AP)—Basil O'Connor was named today as the first layman to receive one of the country's foremost medical prizes, the Albert Lasker Award. It was for his work in spearheading the drive to conquer infantile paralysis.

O'Connor is president of the National Foundation, formerly the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. He was selected for the Lasker Award by a committee of the American Public Health Assn.

The prizes in the fields of medical research and public health administration are provided by the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, named for the noted philanthropists.

In honoring O'Connor, the Public Health Assn. said he "probably more than any other layman of modern times has contributed significantly to the substantial conquest throughout the world of a major disease of childhood, paralytic poliomyelitis."

"Since the introduction of the Salk vaccine, the incidence of polio in the United States has declined by 86 per cent, from an

annual average of 38,700 cases in the prevaccine years 1950-54 to 5,960 in 1957." The association added.

Salk Developed Vaccine

Dr. Jonas Salk developed the vaccine under one of the many projects sponsored by the polio foundation headed by O'Connor.

Others named as winners of the 13th annual Lasker Awards are: Dr. Robert W. Wilkins of the Boston University School of Medicine for "distinguished contributions to the control of heart and blood vessel diseases through outstanding investigations in the

causes, diagnosis and treatment of hypertension."

Dr. Peyton Rous of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York, for "invaluable contributions of new knowledge on the causes of cancers, the source of antibodies, and the mechanism of blood cell generation and destruction in human beings."

Dr. Theodore Puck, University of Colorado Medical Center, Denver, for "development of original methods for pure culture of living mammalian cells as a basis for

new research in nutrition, growth, genetics and mutation."

Dr. Alfred D. Hershey, Carnegie Institute of Washington, Department of Genetics, Cold Spring, N.Y.; Dr. Gerhard Schramm, Max Planck Institute, Tuebingen, Germany; and Dr. Heinz Fraenkel-Conrat, University of California Virus Laboratory, Berkeley, jointly for "their part in the discovery of the fundamental role of nucleic acid in the reproduction of viruses and in the transmission of inherited characteristics."

Each of the winners will receive \$2,500 plus citations and gold statuettes.

Presentation of the awards will be made at St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 30 at the 86th annual meeting of the American Public Health Assn.

HUNTS TOO CLOSE

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — The upland bird season moved too close, policeman Marion Lewis said. He arrested two hunters for shooting at pheasants inside the city limits.

The two, awaiting hearings today, were Wayne M. Trumbell, 25, Klamath Falls, and George D. Elomkas, 42, Portland.

Lewis said they were shooting across Eberlein Ave., within a residential area.

DEMOS TOP REPUBLICANS

EUGENE (AP) — Democrats outnumbered Republicans in Lane County again.

Final registration figures show that 37,963 Democrats and 33,303 Republicans are eligible to vote in the county in the Nov. 4 general election.

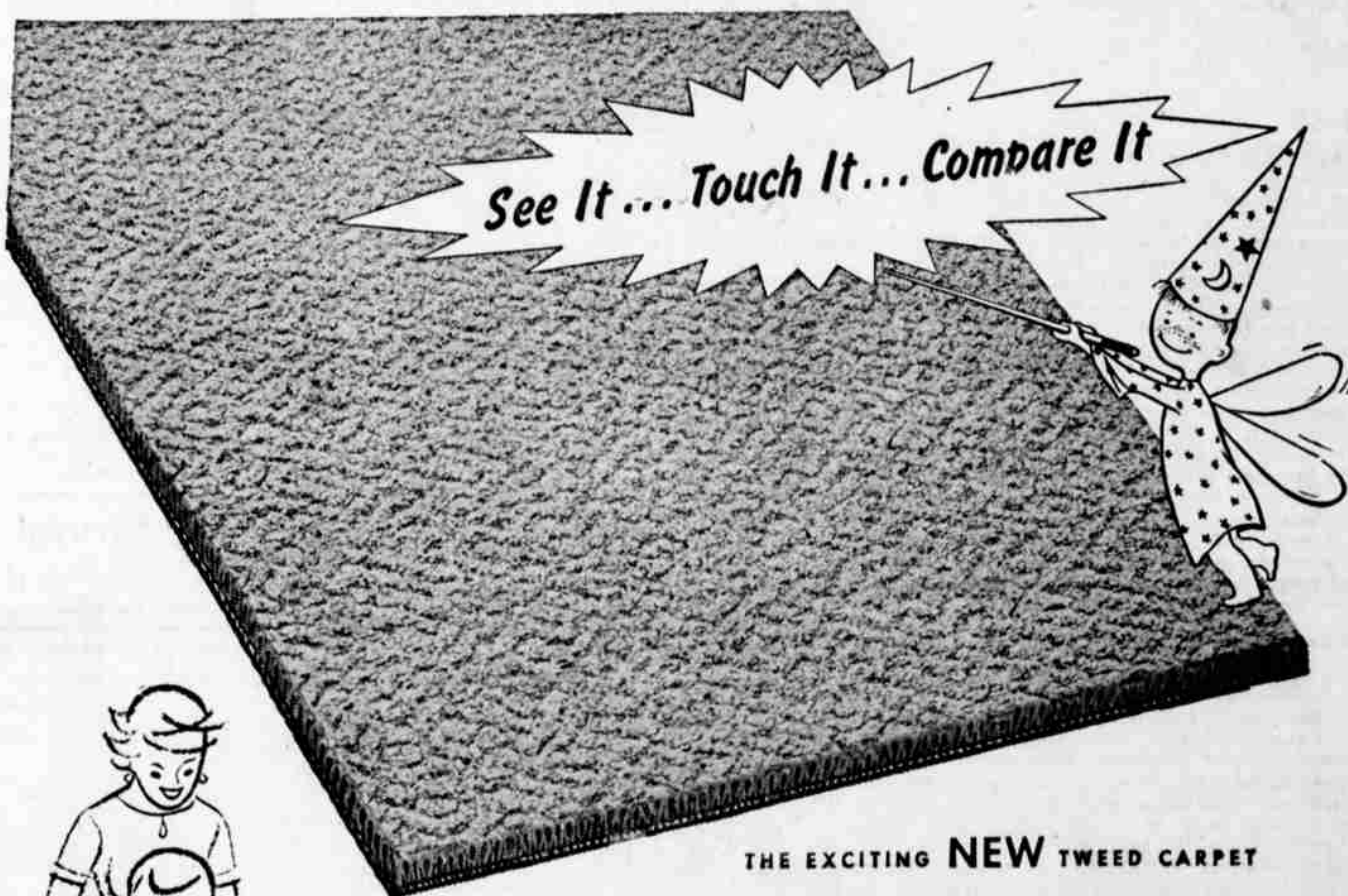
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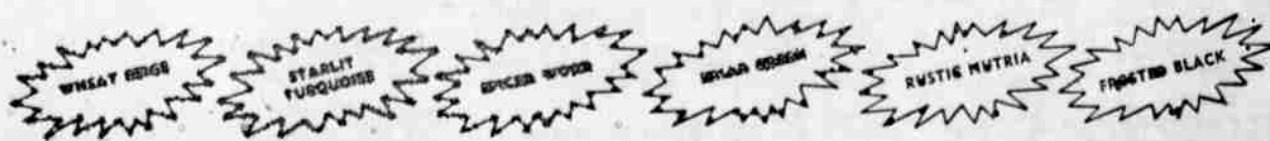
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