

Evaluators Would Compensate Teachers' Abilities

(This is the eighth of a series of 10 articles outlining findings and recommendations of the Roseburg School District Evaluation Steering Committee and its subcommittees. All articles in the series are designed to be informative and objective).

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A minimum pay schedule based upon experience and education should be established for Roseburg school teachers, according to the Roseburg School Evaluation Steering Committee.

In the Steering Committee's 23-page report, which the School Board now is considering, it is further recommended that a system of pay and promotion based upon ability, effort and accomplishment be established for teachers.

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Teacher Tenure Rapped

Teacher tenure came under fire in the report. The Steering Committee has recommended that the School Board and residents of the Roseburg School District try to have the teacher tenure law removed from the Oregon statutes.

The state Legislature has exceeded its authority in imposing tenure upon the Roseburg School District because it has reached a certain size, the report states. The

Roseburg Man Serves On Team

S.Sgt. John S. Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin of Roseburg, was recently selected one of 40 ground crewmen for the Western Air Defense Force's weapons team in the Air Force World Wide meet at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., Oct. 20-30.

Austin, an aircraft mechanic with the 35th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., will assist in maintaining the F-102A supersonic jet fighters which are the WADP entry in the "world series" of weapons firing.

This, the sixth annual meet, will consist of a series of competitive firings between jet - interceptor units, carrying the latest type armament. Firing takes place over the Gulf of Mexico at targets towed to various altitudes.

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Nation's Eligible Voters Placed Above 76 Million

By D. HAROLD OLIVER
WASHINGTON (AP) — Official and unofficial estimates today placed the nation's eligible voters for the Nov. 4 elections at 76,145,600. This is a record for a midterm election.

Despite scattered reports of voter apathy, the same sources estimated the probably total vote in the 48 states at 48,131,226, including the 284,226, already officially recorded for Senate candidates in Maine Sept. 8. This also would be the highest for any non-presidential year.

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The estimated vote represents an increase of 3,683,730 over the previous midterm highest vote in 1954. That total of 44,447,496 was reached by adding the top vote in each state whether for senator, governor or combined House vote.

The 1954 official vote for representatives was 42,582,927, including 22,368,386 for Democratic candidates and 20,016,809 for Republicans. The remainder went to independent and small party candidates. The largest presidential vote was more than 62 million in 1956.

The estimate of 76,145,600 eligibles for this year compares with a Census Bureau estimate of 104,600,000 "potential" voters for the coming election (citizens 21 years of age and over; 18 and over in Georgia and Kentucky). The potential vote has gained 4,377,000 over 1954.

27 States Gain
Twenty-seven states show gains over 1954 in the estimated number of persons who have registered, paid poll taxes, or otherwise have met state voting requirements for the elections Nov. 4. The biggest gain are in California, 867,000, and Iowa and North Carolina, 200,000 each.

Nine states have qualified fewer voters than in 1954, although in some instances election officials said their estimates four years ago were too high. The nine states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia.

Estimated registrations for 12 states remained about the same as 1954. States showing gains of 200,000 or more in estimated vote, over 1954's combined House vote, are California, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio and Texas.

Bus Company Bankruptcy Case May Get Into Court
PORTLAND (AP) — The question whether City Transit Lines, the bus company which once served Salem, Eugene and Springfield, should be declared bankrupt, still may have its day in court.

Federal Judge William G. East said Tuesday he had given the company 10 days in which to answer his order declaring it bankrupt.

He said that if the company moves to have his order set aside, he then will decide the matter on its merits.

The company ceased operations at the three cities several weeks ago and the drivers filed the petition asking bankruptcy for the firm. They said wages still were owed them.

Costs, Accounting Analyzed

Although the Steering Committee had no recommendations on costs and accounting, the subcommittee on this subject came to the conclusion that, according to analysis of figures, Roseburg's School District is high on the budget items of instruction and operation of plant. In both of these categories,

salaries are the items which primarily account for this. Fixed charges category of the budget showed an increase from \$17.99 in 1952-53 to \$24.67 in 1956-57. This was brought about by the increase in teachers' retirement costs because of increased salaries and by the percentage increases for social security benefits. An increase in teachers' salaries is also pointed out to be the reason for the increase in instruction costs.

In The Armed SERVICES

Nancy Lou Cooper, Navy seaman, is on leave visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Cooper of 538 W. Umpqua, Roseburg. Miss Cooper will leave Wednesday for Hawaii where she will have duty with the communications station at Pearl Harbor.

6 Airmen Dead In Plane Crash

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — An Air Force C-47 crashed and exploded on a 970-foot mountain three miles south of Harrisburg Wednesday, killing six Air Force personnel.

The twin-engine craft crashed into the densely wooded mountain top and dug through trees for about 150 feet before it flipped over and began to burn.

Rescue crews from Olmsted Field, the destination of the craft, spent almost two hours getting the blaze under control and recovering the bodies. All of the bodies were burned in the crash.

The Air Force withheld identification of the victims pending notification of next of kin.

Lt. Col. Rudolf Stewart, Olmsted Field engineering officer, said the craft was en route to Olmsted from Tarrant AFB, Fort Worth, Tex. and had stopped at Youngstown Tuesday night.

Only small parts of the tail assembly of the plane remained intact after the crash.

The plane left Youngstown this morning with the six men aboard, four crewmen and two passengers.

Judge's Order Releases Man From Probation

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly signed an order this week discharging Ernie Eugene Morse from probation.

Morse had pleaded guilty to a charge of non-support on Dec. 23, 1954, and was placed on probation by the court. Terms of the judgment included payment of \$30 every two weeks for support of his children.

In terminating probation, Judge Wimberly noted that the former Mrs. Morse has remarried and the children have been adopted by their step father.

The judge said also that Morse had complied with his probationary orders.

EARTHQUAKE KILLS SEVEN

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Reports reached Jakarta today of an earthquake in central and east Java which killed seven persons and injured 1,836 in the town of Blitar.

The quake earlier this week destroyed 95 houses, heavily damaged 206 and slightly damaged 51, the reports said. The major cities of Surabaya, Malang and Jogjakarta also were shaken.

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