

Fewer Cases Are Reported to Juvenile Department Last Year

Forty-seven fewer cases were referred to the Jackson county juvenile court in 1958 compared to 1957, according to the department's report made to the United States Children's bureau.

This is the only agency compiling statistics for the nation's juvenile courts, Mrs. Kay Crowell, county juvenile director, explained Friday.

"This was pleasant, but surprising, news to the juvenile court and its staff," Mrs. Crowell remarked. "It's difficult to trace the cause for this drop. However, parents and their children who get into trouble are learning we are handling all cases promptly and few if any escape us. Problem children are being straightened out by parents before they get to us."

Mrs. Crowell also credited the work of other public agencies with considerable preventative work. The Southern Oregon Child Guidance clinic provides counseling and guidance for both parent and child before the case becomes one for the juvenile court.

Referred From Department
Of course, some are referred from the juvenile department, Mrs. Crowell pointed out. Visiting public health nurses are able to help correct unhealthy home conditions which eventually contribute to delinquency. A family counseling program tied in with the child guidance clinic would also help considerably, she added.

Coupled with the factor of a decrease in referrals is the fact that more cases are being handled officially and fewer unofficially. An official case is one for which a petition is filed in juvenile court. The unofficial case requires investigation and follow up but is not necessarily brought to the juvenile court, Mrs. Crowell explained.

In 1958, 379 cases were handled officially compared to 365 in 1957. Unofficial cases numbered 370 in 1958 compared to 431 in 1957.

Not Great Change
"Although these changes are not great in numbers, and do not indicate a trend on the basis of a single year's count, the court is interested in analyzing possible factors which are accountable for them," the juvenile department director said.

"Evaluation of these figures requires considerable resources available to the court and their use," the director continued. "Jackson county is one of three counties in the state with a juvenile detention home. In 1958, a total of 209 children were detained in the detention home. In 1957, 286 children were held there. However, the average detention period for a child in 1958 was 15 days and in 1957 average detention period per child was reduced to 11.2 days," she said.

A counselor was added to the juvenile department in the 1958-60 budget year and

two men counselors were assigned to full time supervision of boys on probation, Mrs. Crowell pointed out. One woman counselor does part time supervision of girls on probation. This made it possible for the court counselors to increase their supervision of minors from 127 in 1957 to 210 in 1958.

"You can see from the 1959 statistical report that adequate staff has resulted in greater amount of juvenile court work being done at the official level," the juvenile department director pointed out.

Increased Use
"This means increased use of the detention facility and regular court hearings (305 in 1959). Greater supervision has had a deterrent effect upon potential juvenile offenders and caused parents to assume more responsibility to avoid juvenile court contact. The court is not limited to soon-forgotten warnings without being able to back up these warnings. This is the theory of professionals in the field of probation and delinquency control. These current Jackson county statistics would bear out that theory."

The juvenile court and department has received "excellent cooperation" from social service agencies and law enforcement officers, Mrs. Crowell noted. There is a determination in the community to provide the required resources for the court's work, she added.

Statistics for 1958 show that the greatest number of referrals have come from Medford police, 178. Oregon state police rank second with 81 and the Jackson county sheriff's office was third highest in number of referrals made with 73. Ashland police referred 45 cases and other police departments from one to three each.

Growing Confidence
Parents and relatives referred 60 cases to the court which indicates a growing confidence in the court and its personnel, by the public, it was pointed out. The Jackson county public welfare department referred 34.

Other referral sources include Marion county, Coos county, Lane county, Benton county, Klamath county and Josephine county juvenile courts and juvenile courts from California and Idaho.

Many of these cases, 100 a year, consist of runaways, Mrs. Crowell explained. Jackson county ranks third in the state in number of runaways handled. Multnomah county ranks first and Lane county second. These referrals from outside the county also come from children moving in or are home investigations requested.

Public schools referred nine cases, probation officers 13, other social agencies 14 and all other sources 20.

Cities and towns from which juveniles were referred were

Medford, 337; Ashland, 90; Central Point, 43; Rogue River, 21; Eagle Point, 18; Talent, 15; Jacksonville, 12; Gold Hill, 11; Phoenix, 9; Trail, 6; Shady Cove and Prospect, 5 each; and one each from Butte Falls and Applegate.

Some Out of State
A total of 100 members from outside Jackson county were processed by the juvenile court. Fifty-five of these came from Oregon, 37 from California, 6 from Washington and one each from Minnesota and Idaho.

Of the children's cases disposed of during the year, the majority of delinquency cases were in the age range of 12 years to 17 years. Sixty-seven boys 16-years-old were handled as delinquents, the largest number in any one age grouping. For the girls ages 14 through 16 years old had from 16 to 17 cases each.

Most of the dependency and neglect cases were in the 2 to 5 years old category—18. The same bulge occurred in the delinquency cases handled unofficially. Of the 379 official and unofficial cases disposed of, 182 cases were placed under probation officer's supervision.

Most of the official cases involved running away, the major offense for both boys and girls, 49 for the boys and 25 for the girls.

Other theft involved 44, 39 boys and 5 girls. Burglary or unlawful entry cases totalled 32, 31 for the boys and one for the girls.

Being beyond parental control brought 40 cases to the attention of the juvenile court, 17 of these boys and 23 girls. Other delinquency behavior numbered 42 cases, 30 for the boys and 12 for the girls.

In unofficial rankings, general theft cases had the highest numbers, 32 for the boys and 3 for the girls. Acts of carelessness and mischief totalled 41 for the boys and six for girls to rank this problem second in number of cases handled unofficially. Other delinquency behavior totalled 52, 39 for the boys and 13 for the girls.

Butte Falls Man Hurt in Accident

Milton Dean Smith, 21, of box 60, Pitt Star route, Butte Falls, was injured about noon Saturday on Butte Falls highway in a one-car accident, state police said.

He was reported in fair condition Saturday at Medford Osteopathic hospital where he was being treated for possible back injuries, a hospital attendant said. He was taken there by the Medford Ambulance Service.

The car was travelling toward Medford on the highway, about 11 miles from the Crater Lake highway when it went out of control, state police said, and hit a bank.



Former Phoenix Student Chosen

Karen Golding, former Phoenix High school student, has been chosen to represent Lincoln High school in Portland at the city Panhellenic scholarship contest, Phoenix school officials learned this week.

Karen moved to Portland at the beginning of the current school year, it was explained. Miss Golding will be competing with senior girls from each of the Portland high schools for two substantial college scholarships, it was explained. Selection is based on scholarship, leadership, character and integrity. In her junior year at Phoenix High school, Miss Golding ranked highest in her class in the National Merit scholarship qualifying tests. She placed in the top 2 per cent of the nation in the subject areas covered by the test.

Airport Official George R. Johnson Retires After 30 Years of Service

George R. Johnson, Central Point, who began his career in the field of communications in 1927, serving with Pacific Air Transport (now United Airlines) in Medford, retired Friday after 30 years of federal service.

Johnson was airport traffic controller at Medford airport. He was honored at a coffee at the CAA office at Medford airport by fellow employees Friday afternoon.

After serving 2½ years with PAT in the late 1920's, Johnson took a job with the light-house service at the department of commerce radio station on the old Crater Lake highway north of Medford. He then transferred to Boise, Idaho, for a short period before returning to Medford. In 1933 he transferred from communications to airport traffic control in the combined station tower.

Johnson, who worked with aviation pioneers such as Bill Rosenbaum, Art Starbuck, Harry Crandall and Russ Cunningham, when flying was an

activity more suited to dare-devils, said he remembers when Medford airport consisted of a single dirt runway less than 2,000 feet long. In the early days it was located in the area across highway 99 from Kogap lumber company, south of Medford.

He said in spite of the crude open-cockpit aircraft, without radios and various safety devices we have today, there was always a waiting list for passengers going to Portland and San Francisco. Many times, wearing goggles and helmet, the single passenger would have to sit on top of the mail sacks in the front cockpit. In those days there was no night flying at all, he said.

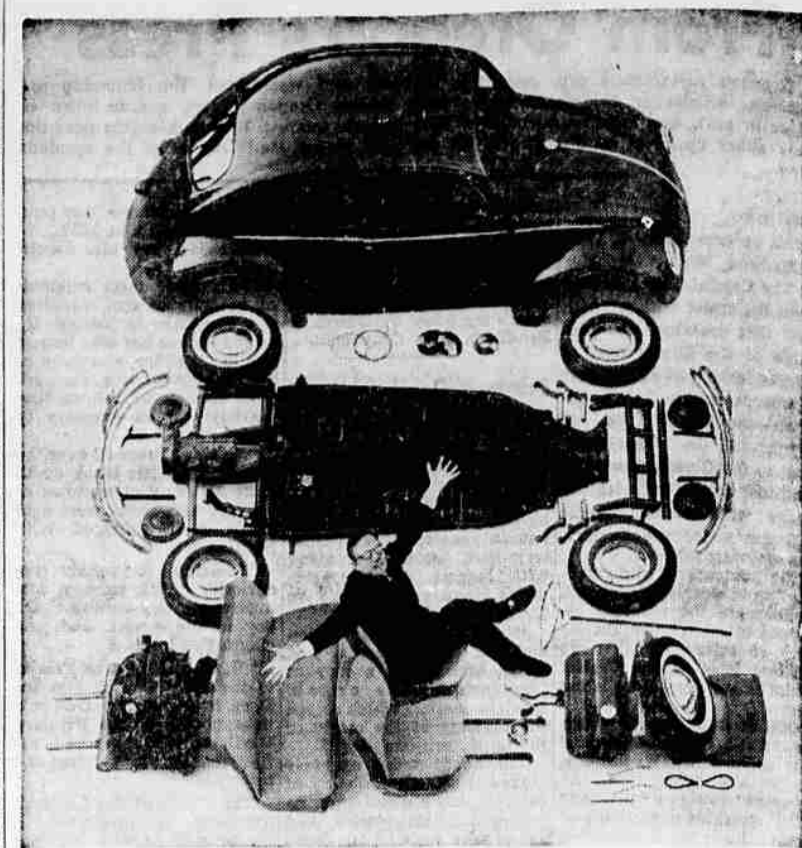
Communications then consisted of morse code messages sent by wireless, and Medford was one of only five coastal stations, along with Vancouver, San Francisco, Bakersfield and Los Angeles. Since the planes had no radios, contact was from ground station to ground station only.

Johnson said he is proud to have served in the field of communications during this period for he has been able to watch it grow into the marvelous setup it is today, and he added that he would do the same thing over again if he had the chance.

Conditions of the suspended sentence are that restitution of all bad checks be made within a period deemed reasonable by the parole officer, that she not open a checking account or draw any checks without permission of the parole officer, and that she pay \$5 court costs.

Valley Woman Gets Sentence Imposition
Mary Joanne Smith, 21, of Central Point, pleaded guilty in district court, and imposition of sentence was suspended Friday for one year on charges of making a false statement in writing to procure a benefit.

She was charged with issuing a bad check in Medford. Conditions of the suspended sentence are that restitution of all bad checks be made within a period deemed reasonable by the parole officer, that she not open a checking account or draw any checks without permission of the parole officer, and that she pay \$5 court costs.



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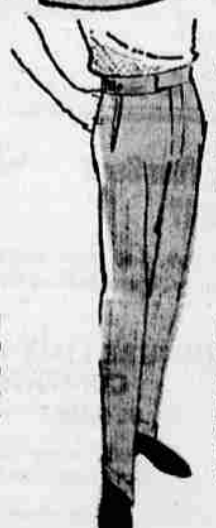
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