

Straus Relected To ASCS Office

Albert L. Straus, route 2, box 400, Gold Hill, has been relected chairman of the Jackson County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, according to M. B. Caster, of the local ASCS office.

Straus was elected by delegates from seven local agricultural communities who met at the courthouse and elected the county committee for 1963.

Straus has been a member of the ASC committee for 15 years and chairman for five years. Other committee members elected were Vernon Gebhard, route 2, box 271, Central Point, vice chairman; Donald Nichols, 941 Green Springs highway, Ashland, regular member; George Jess Jr., route 1, box 346, Eagle Point, first alternate; and John Niedermeyer, 1014 Old Stage rd., Medford, second alternate. Bert Wilcox, county extension agent, also is a regular committee member.

The Jackson County ASC committee administers the federal farm programs in the county, including the 1963 wheat stabilization, 1963 feed grain, agricultural conservation, wool incentive and conservation reserve programs.

Court Signs Orders Renaming Officers

The Jackson county court signed orders Friday reappointing county officials and one committee member.

Arnold Bohmert, Central Point area farmer, was reappointed to three years on the county budget committee. Robert J. Carstensen was reappointed county engineer for four years. William S. Manning was reappointed constable for two years. Elmer W. Donahoo was reappointed for two years as county service officer.

The court also approved an allowance for travel and lodging to permit Manning to visit various western Oregon constable offices next week to study their operations.

Manning said he expects no small claims service will be needed next week. Various business firms of the area and the district court have stated no small claims summons need be served until after Christmas.

Juvenile Officials Investigate Group of Girls at Medford High

Jackson county juvenile authorities are making further investigations of a group of girls at Medford High school which could have developed into a "gang" before processing the individual cases, according to Juvenile Director Lawrence Tweedy.

Some of the girls have been ordered picked up and lodged. The juvenile department has not yet held individual interviews with the girls and their parents, he said. He agreed with an earlier statement by Medford police that the reports on the group were greatly exaggerated, particularly the reputation of the leader. The seven necklaces shoplifted from local stores used to distinguish members were returned, Tweedy added.

All of the boys who had formed the beginnings of a juvenile gang earlier and were involved in local burglaries have been returned to their parents on probation, Tweedy said. He noted all of the boys have I.Q.'s of 140 or better. An I.Q. of 100 is considered average.

Home on Probation
Friday one 17-year-old boy was sent home on probation. A 17-year-old girl was held over in detention for medical reasons. A case involving a 17-year-old boy was continued pending finding a home for him. A 14-year-old boy was released on probation to relatives. A 15-year-old girl was sent home on probation. A case of a boy on parole from McLaren School for Boys was dismissed since he had met the parole conditions.

Thursday night two teenage girls were picked up by state police on a back road in Sams Valley on charges of being runaways and released to their parents.

County Council To Meet on Tuesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Jackson County Inter-Community Council will be held Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Jackson County Public Library at noon.

The program will consist of reports of the delegates to the "Oregon Conference on Children and Youth" which was held last month in Salem. Fourteen delegates from Jackson county attended the conference.

Subjects to be discussed will be youth employment, dropouts, mental health in children, and children's services. Those planning to attend should take a sack lunch.

er girl was released to her parents as a ward of the court and will be transferred under the interstate compact to California authorities on charges of being beyond parental control. A 12-year-old girl was granted probation, and two girls received suspended commitments to Hillcrest, one for violation of probation and the other for being beyond parental control.

Thirteen other cases were dismissed by the court having met the terms of probation. **Suspended Commitment**
Monday, Dec. 10, a 15-year-old girl received a suspended commitment to Hillcrest Friday she was committed to Hillcrest after violating her probation and following a hearing in the judge's cham-

bers. Tuesday, six cases were heard. One was a Fairview hearing for a minor child. A 17-year-old boy was remanded to district court on auto theft charges. A 17-year-old girl's case was continued, a 16-year-old boy and 17-year-old boy were placed on probation, and a 17-year-old boy was dismissed.

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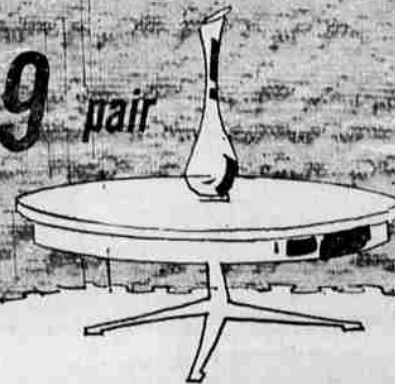
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