



WANT JOHN-JOHN STAMP — A Sacramento, Calif., group has gathered over 25,000 signatures on petitions asking that the Postmaster General issue a commemorative stamp like the picture shown above. The stamp was inspired by UPI's "John-John" picture, taken during President Kennedy's funeral. (UPI)

Your Money's Worth

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U.S. POPULATION EXPLOSION

At about 8:30 on the morning of Lincoln's next birthday, Feb. 12, the population of the United States is slated to cross a new magic mark of 191 million, an astounding addition of one million persons to our nation since 46 seconds before 11 a.m. on Sept. 27.

Every 7 1/2 seconds the mammoth population clock at the Census Bureau in Washington "strikes" a new birth. Despite the impact of deaths and emigration, there is a net gain in our country of one new person every 11 seconds round the census clock.

Just since the 1960 census, the number of us has climbed over 11 million — a total equal to the entire population of Texas or of Illinois or of Ohio. Just in these few years, we have added the equivalent of the populations of the District of Columbia plus 14 "new" states — Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, North and South Dakota, Delaware, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii. Just between now and Lincoln's birthday, we'll add the equivalent of "another New Orleans" or "another Pittsburgh," our 15th and 16th largest cities.

While our birth rate has been steadily declining for 25 months, we still are in a population explosion, and with our record crop of war babies now approaching marriage age and about to have more babies what is happening in America now will be dwarfed by what will be happening as this decade rolls on.

Of course, our population explosion is not comparable to that in many less-developed countries and is not the staggering problem it is elsewhere, but it is far greater than in Europe's industrialized nations. Never in any period in the almost two centuries we have been a nation, has our growth and change been so enormous. Never have we had such pressing problems of worker mobility, education, employment, of providing services in the suburbs, maintaining standards in the central cities.

We are a nation on the move. Each year, one in five of us moves to a new home in a different neighborhood, county or state. Five years from now, only half of us will be in the same homes we occupy today. Housing trends are shifting from those of the 1950s toward smaller homes and apartments geared to the young married and the over-65.

We are a nation still surging toward the suburbs. Although there are some signs of a reverse trek back to the cities, census statistics indicate that among mature white men four move to the suburbs for every man that returns to the cities. This movement adds to the pressures for spending on highways, water and sewage facilities, police and fire services, etc. It intensifies the financial problems of maintaining essential services for businesses and families in the cities.

We are a nation continuing to move westward. In 1960 the population center of the U.S. was near Centuria, Illinois, 37 miles farther west than in 1950. It probably has moved another 17 miles since 1960. Centuria is history and midpoint soon will be near the Missouri border. The political implications of the westward movement are immense. So is the challenge of matching the location of the job and the worker.

We are a nation rapidly growing younger. In the 1960-65 period the rise in the under-25 age group will be 30 per cent against our over-all population growth of 4 per cent. By 1965 more than half of all of us will be under 25. Millions of young Americans will be straining our educational facilities, millions will be pouring into our labor market without the training or skills to fill available jobs.

We are a nation with less and less elbow room. In Rhode Island there are now 842 persons per square mile, close to the 897 per square mile density in the Netherlands, the world's most crowded country.

We are a nation upgrading the standards of income, living and security for our soaring population at a pace unparalleled anywhere in all history. Yet, implicit in every exciting statistic you've read here are the two most acute economic problems of our times:

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Our workers, young and old, must be better trained and retrained to fill those jobs.

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Public Asked To Guard Against Fraudulent Schemes on Holiday

The Medford Chamber of Commerce has warned the public to be on guard against the fraudulent and misleading sales and promotional schemes that flourish during the Christmas season.

Locals

Death Reported

Word has been received here of the death in San Diego, Calif., of Della L. Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Smider, formerly of Medford.

Smoke Investigated

Medford firemen called to the Kenn Knackstedt residence, 91 Renault Ave., about 9 o'clock this morning to investigate the cause of smoke, reported that the motor to the gas furnace had overheated.

In Hospital

Donna Elizabeth Minor, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carl Minor, 20931 Cory Road, White City, was reported in good condition at Rogue Valley Hospital today after she swallowed an unknown substance and became ill. The child's father called Medford Police last night requesting a patrol car escort en route to the hospital.

Theft Reported

Glenn Pruitt, Holland Hotel, reported to Medford Police yesterday the theft of numerous items from his car while it was parked at a local service station. Items taken included seven suitcases containing myrtle wood plaques, string ties, myrtle wood carved animals and earrings, he said. The estimated value, he told police, was \$345.

Auto Collisions

Two hit-and-run auto collisions were reported to Medford Police Wednesday. Marion Christine Klimo, 327 Old Mill Road, reported that her car was struck while it was parked on East Main Street between Bear Creek bridge and Riverside Avenue; and Shirley Mae Johnson, 1808 S. Peach St., reported about 10 p.m. that her car was hit while it was parked at Second Street near Woodstock Street.

Chain Saws Taken

Two chain saws, valued at \$600, were reported taken from the Ford Brothers Logging Company operation on Star Gulch Tuesday. The saws are 24 and 30 inch according to Oregon State Police.

Convalescing

Virgil Wilkes, 96 Clover Lane, is convalescing at Rogue Valley Hospital following surgery Wednesday.

Return Home

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Webster returned Wednesday from San Diego, Calif., where they were called by the unexpected death of his brother, H. D. Webster. While south they were with relatives in Los Angeles and Long Beach, including Webster's stepmother, Mrs. Mabel Webster; his sister, M. I. S. Grace Webster, and a brother, David Webster.

Burglary Arrests

Medford Police arrested three people Wednesday evening on charges of burglary, according to police reports. They are Johnnie Lee Williamson, 231 S. Ivy St., Ronald Gilkerson Beach, 113 Geneva St., and a juvenile. Williamson and Beach are lodged in Jackson County jail and the juvenile was referred to the detention home.

ALLOTMENT APPROVED

ONTARIO, Ore. (UPI) — Directors of Ore-Ida Foods, Inc., have approved allotment of \$100,000 to the employee profit sharing trust fund from operating profits for the year ended Nov. 3, 1963.

Weather

FORECASTS

Medford and vicinity: Occasional rain tonight and showers Friday. Some fog and smoke in the valley's low tonight. High Friday 45.

Western Oregon: Mostly cloudy with occasional rain tonight; increasing showers Friday. Little temperature change. Low tonight 39 in extreme south; middle 40 in north and about 45 along coast. High Friday 45-50, except 36-42 extreme south.

Northern California: Occasional rain in San Francisco-Sacramento northwest tonight and Friday. Variable cloudiness elsewhere. Little temperature change.

LOCAL DATA

TEMPERATURE	Moan yesterday 33; below normal 8.
Record high this date 63 in 1933	Record low this date 9 in 1924
PRECIPITATION	24 hours to midnight .04 inch; midnight to 24 a.m. .01 inch
Total this month 16 inch, 1.84 inch below normal	Total since Sept. 1, 7.08 inches, 4.16 inch below normal
HUMIDITY	Lowest yesterday 19%; highest this a.m. 49%
CITY	Yesterday Low High Precip.
Brookings	54 48 0
Crozier Lake	52 47 0
Grants Pass	38 38 0
Hood River	46 41 0
Klamath Falls	45 41 0
Medford	36 32 0
Portland	46 37 0
Seattle	48 41 23
Spokane	29 20 0
Yakima	35 29 0
Butte	48 42 0
Red Bluff	38 32 0
Sacramento	42 27 0
San Francisco	63 63 0
Los Angeles	64 51 0
Phoenix	69 56 0
Denver	25 19 0
Chicago	15 8 0
Miami Beach	69 49 0
New York	42 32 0
Washington, D. C.	42 32 0

Each year thousands of unwary Christmas shoppers are victimized by operators who step up their activities during the holiday season, according to Don McNeil, manager of the Medford Chamber of Commerce.

According to the National Better Business Bureau, with which the local Chamber is affiliated through membership, seasonal swindlers drain millions of dollars annually from consumers and businessmen throughout the country. They capitalize on the Christmas rush and the fact that people tend to be more generous, more trusting and less likely to turn down a request at that time of the year.

Can Protect Themselves

McNeil said holiday shoppers can protect themselves by avoid-

Salem Firm Gets OCI Contract

SALEM (UPI) — Batterman Construction Co., Salem, was awarded a \$339,800 contract Wednesday to build a new 101-man cell unit at the overcrowded Oregon Correction Institution.

Supt. Paul Squier said the institution now has 374 inmates—193 over its cell capacity. The excess prisoners are sleeping in hallways within the cell blocks.

The Batterman bid was the lowest of five presented to the State Board of Control.

The company said it would have the new project completed in 180 days.

A contract for locking devices, doors, cells and other iron work in the new penal unit was given to Southern Steel Co., San Antonio, Tex. for \$49,235.

The board delayed action on a request of the City of Salem to lease 10 acres of land near the State Penitentiary as the site of a state fire training center.

Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. said that although the project is meritorious he questions the propriety of a state administrative agency allowing land to be used for a purpose that wasn't contemplated by the legislature.

Gov. Mark Hatfield, an advocate of the plan, said it was a prime example of how intergovernmental cooperation can provide benefits for all governmental units involved.

Potato Crop Estimate Made

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department Wednesday estimated 1963 potato production at 275,541,000 hundredweight, 3 per cent more than in 1962 but 6 per cent less than in 1961.

The big potato crop—harvested in the fall—weighed in at 195,893,000 hundredweight, 3 per cent more than in 1962 and 4 per cent smaller than the big 1961 crop.

Potato production in heavily producing states: (in hundredweight) Idaho 55,450,000; Maine 27,630,000; California 29,299,000; New York 19,953,000; Minnesota 14,150,000; North Dakota 13,338,000; Colorado 11,835,000; Washington 11,687,000; Oregon 9,673,000; Wisconsin 9,495,000.

Obituaries

RUTH H. MCINTOSH

Funeral services for Ruth H. McIntosh, 61, of 1512 Hilt Drive, Richland, Wash., who died Wednesday, will be held Saturday at Elnad's Memorial Chapel in Richland. Peril Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Mrs. McIntosh was born Jan. 22, 1902, in Colfax, Wash. She was a teacher in the Washington public schools most of her life. She was a member of the Richland Westside United Protestant Church.

In 1925, in Colfax, Wash., she was married to Leslie A. McIntosh, who died in 1958.

For the past six weeks, she has made her home in Medford with her son, Dr. Donn K. McIntosh, and her daughter, Mrs. Fae Veveva. Other survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Dee Anderson, Seattle, Wash.; three brothers, William Kennedy, Enterprise, Ore.; C. B. Kennedy, Colfax, Wash.; R. L. Kennedy, Tacoma, Wash.; three sisters, Mrs. M. Miller, Dillon, Mont.; Mrs. E. Miller, Enterprise, Ore.; Mrs. Jean Lehrer, Walla Walla, Wash.; and 10 grandchildren.

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ing fly-by-night operators and by making Christmas purchases from dealers of known reliability.

Based on past experience, he said, the following schemes can be expected to make their appearance again this year:

—Mail-order bargain offers quoting toys, watches, jewelry and other items allegedly at a fraction of the retail price. When the gift arrives it may be a cheap imitation of the item thought to have been ordered.

—Mail and telephone appeals for donations from unknown charitable organizations.

—Attempts to collect on C.O.D. packages supposedly for your neighbor who, the deliverer says, "is not home." The packages may contain unsorted merchandise or merely paper or cotton wadding.

—Mail-order schemes in which the person gets a claim stub

Births

JOHNSON — To Mr. and Mrs. John D., 817 W. 10th St., Medford, Dec. 17, 1963, a girl, 6 1/2 pounds, at Rogue Valley Hospital.

REANEAU — To Mr. and Mrs. James W., 910 S. Peach St., Medford, Dec. 18, 1963, a girl, 6 1/2 pounds, at Rogue Valley Hospital.

telling him that the shipper is holding a package which will be sent on return of the stub and a small amount. If the money is sent a cheap pen-and-pencil set or something similar which was never ordered is delivered, McNeil noted.

—Unsorted merchandise appeals by unknown charitable organizations with requests for donations for the goods shipped.

—Personal appeals by mail from self-described needy individuals seeking clothing, food, fuel and funds.

—Distribution of courtesies cards for purchasing gifts at discounts from fictitious prices.

McNeil said various perfume hoaxes were prevalent in past years, and have already reappeared in some areas in one form or another. Prime targets are executives who buy gifts in quantity at Christmas. Sales may be attempted in offices, at factory gates, on the street, door-to-door or in some offices.

Widespread Perfume Scheme

The most widespread perfume scheme involves the sale of well-known brands of colognes and toilet water re-bottled in small, purse size containers by companies having no connection with the original manufacturers, he said. The purse size containers are generally similar in size and appearance to those used to sell small quantities of genuine perfumes.

The public is fooled "into believing that it is buying expen-

sive perfume at a bargain price, McNeil said. Actually, cologne and toilet water is being sold at several times the regular retail price of the product packaged by the manufacturer himself.

Other perfume hoaxes involve the use of counterfeit labels of well-known brands on cheap imitations, phony pricing and the sales of spray containers labeled with the initials of nationally known fragrances. The sprays are concocted to simulate those fragrances, McNeil noted.

The chamber manager made these additional points:

—Unsorted Merchandise

—Consumers who receive un-

ordered merchandise through the mails generally are not obligated to return it or pay for it, unless it is used. They are required to surrender it if the shippers or their agents call for it within a "reasonable" time.

—Consumers ordering Christmas gifts from mail-order firms should generally allow three or four weeks for delivery.

—Sales may be final. Ascertain conditions of sales and obtain guarantees in writing.

—Examine purchases before Christmas. Do not expect transient vendors to be around after the holiday to listen to complaints, McNeil warned.

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