

**THE DOCTOR'S MAILBAG**  
**Rapid Weight Loss**  
**Cancer Symptom**

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Q—I have been taking chiropractic treatments for my nerves and ever since I started this treatment I have been losing weight. I lost 15 pounds in the last three months and I was not overweight to start with. What should I do?

A—Although chiropractors have been known to help persons with certain ailments, they are not skilled in the recognition and treatment of all diseases. Because rapid loss of weight is one of the warning signs of cancer, you should have a thorough examination by a physician to determine the reason for this loss. In the case of cancer and many other conditions, effective treatment can be given only if an early diagnosis is made and the most appropriate treatment applied.

Q—About two years ago my first baby was stillborn because it had a small head. Recently I delivered a baby that had water on the brain. It did not live. There is no record of abnormal birth in my family or my husband's. If I become pregnant again, what are the chances that I will have a normal child?

A—Authorities who have studied this problem say that if a couple have two malformed children the third may be normal but the chance that it will also be malformed are greater than for the average married couple.

Whether you should take this chance is not an easy matter to decide. It is a personal matter and is up to you and your husband. If you decide not to take the chance, you might register with a reputable adoption agency or recommended by your doctor or your church.

Q—What is the cause of bursitis? Is there any cure for it?

A—A bursa is a sac filled with fluid and attached to a large tendon near a major joint to minimize friction. Bursitis or inflammation of the bursa may result from prolonged strenuous use of the adjacent joint and, if the bursitis becomes chronic, the pain is aggravated by the deposition of calcium.

Removal of the bursal fluid through a needle and injections of hydrocortisone into the bursa may afford relief. Ultrasound has helped some persons. In general, X-ray treatment and open operation are not advised. Even though the region is painful, movement of the joint through the full range several times daily is essential to prevent stiffness.

Q—I had an attack of shingles on the right side of my chest five years ago. Ever since, I have had a pain in my right arm — very severe at times. My doctor has given me ACTH, cortisone, salicylates, vitamin B-12, procaine, and other drugs in tablets and in shots but I still have the pain. Is there any other treatment?

A—The few persons who have persistent pain after an attack of shingles usually have a hard time to get relief. When blocking the painful nervous impulses with procaine and the other forms of treatment fail, a surgeon is sometimes called in to cut the involved nerve. The success of this operation depends on correctly locating the offending nerve and severing it completely.

Please send your questions and comments to Dr. Wayne G. Brandstadt, M.D., in care of this paper. While Dr. Brandstadt cannot answer individual letters, he will answer letters of general interest in future columns.

**State Notes**  
**Population**  
**Up 56,451**

**PORLTAND (UPI)—**The population of Oregon was 1,823,130 on July 1, 1962, the Oregon State Board of Census said today.

The figure represents an increase of 56,451, or 3.2 per cent over the April 1, 1960 federal census count.

The Willamette Valley showed an increase of 7.5 per cent and Lane County jumped by 10.9 per cent, the board said.

Jefferson County, with construction under way at Round Butte Dam, increased 38.5 per cent in population, the highest rate in the state, followed by Sherman County, also with a construction boom, at 18.1 per cent, the board said.

Increases of 7 per cent or more occurred in Benton, Jackson, Marion, Polk, Washington, and Yamhill counties.

Twenty counties increased in population, and 16 decreased.

The largest drop was in Clatsop County where a loss of 14 per cent occurred. Lincoln, Tillamook, Coos, Curry and Douglas counties showed losses.

The largest total population gain for the year ending July 1, 1962, of any single city was registered at Corvallis which gained 2,283, mostly by annexation.

Lake Oswego and Milwaukee entered the over 10,000 category with Milwaukee becoming the 11th ranked city in Oregon. Roseburg took over 10th place.

**FBI Agents**  
**Stymie Bank**  
**Robbery Try**

**SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—**A young man who attempted to rob a downtown bank today was arrested by two FBI agents who happened to be in the bank at the time, the FBI reported.

Frank Price, agent-in-charge here, identified the suspect as Richard Dean Holton, 27, originally from Watertown, S.D., and most recently from Huntington Park, Calif.

Agent Monte N. Hall was in the Hibernal Bank at Jones and Market Sts. at 10:15 a.m. on FBI business when he noticed Holton, aroused his suspicion as he lingered behind a Christmas tree for several minutes gazing around the lobby.

Hall watched as Holton walked over to a counter, wrote something on the back of a withdrawal slip, and, carrying a folded newspaper, he stood in line in front of teller Maureen Lavel, 24.

Meanwhile, another agent, James K. Tarietin, walked into the bank and Hall signaled him to join him in line directly behind Holton.

Miss Lavel, appalled, nervously asked Holton to leave the withdrawal slip. She hurriedly snatched about \$1,400 on the counter without looking at FBI Agent Hall, yelling, "Have you been robbed?" and she could only nod speechlessly.

Hall and Tarietin grabbed Holton and immediately recovered the money and the note he read. The note in the newspaper can pass up the whole block I want 100. Please be careful. The bomb was a transistor radio.

Holton was to be arraigned later on bank robbery charges before U.S. Commissioner Donald Conine.

Police said Holton was up from a burglary conviction in Sioux City, S.D., and had a prior robbery conviction.

**Two-Alarm Fire**  
**Damages Home**

**PORLTAND (UPI)—**A two-alarm fire caused an estimated \$10,000 damage to a home at 800 NE Thompson here Tuesday night.

The home was the residence of Julius Seaberry, The Portland Fire Bureau said a defective plug caused the blaze.

I'm hopeful! So what? What I really like is forget, or that I was stupid enough to be up with this bunch—ALSO RADCLIFFE

Dear Alice: Thanks for writing. You have my sympathy.

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