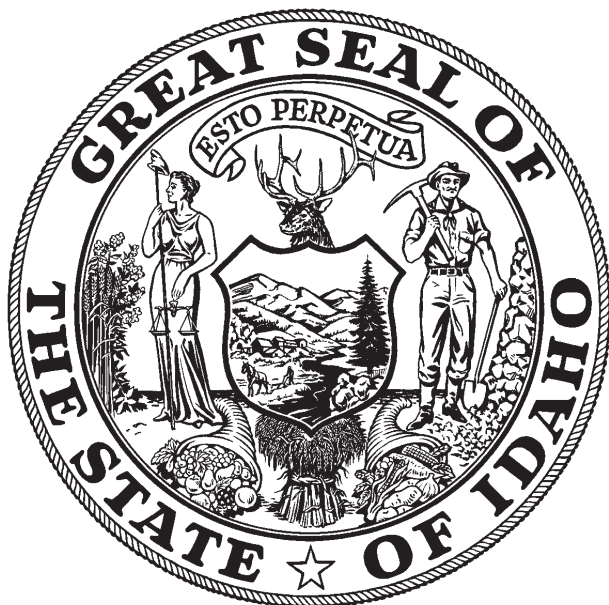


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STATE OF IDAHO
SECRETARY OF STATE

My Fellow Idahoans:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you this twenty-first edition of the Idaho Blue Book, the official manual of the State of Idaho. This publication contains a wealth of information relating to all state officers, state institutions, boards and commissions, and county officers of the state. You will also find election results, as well as historical and statistical information.

We have attempted to maintain a tradition of quality and to keep the content true to the needs and desires of the people of Idaho. I am grateful to all who have contributed to this publication and I sincerely invite your suggestions for improvement of future editions.

I am honored to dedicate this edition of the Idaho Blue Book to two great Idaho icons, Joe Albertson and J.R. Simplot, both of whom made enormous contributions to our great state.

Respectfully submitted,

BEN YURSA
Secretary of State

CAPTAINS OF

Joe Albertson



Joe Albertson was born in Yukon, Oklahoma on October 17, 1906. His full name was Joseph Albert Albertson and he was one of four sons born to Rhoda and Earl Albertson. The family moved to Caldwell, Idaho in 1909, where Joe grew up and went through school.

After graduating from Caldwell High School in 1925, Joe studied business for two years at the College of Idaho in Caldwell. In 1927, while still at the college, he began his career in the grocery industry as a clerk at a local Safeway store. In 1930 Joe married his college classmate Kathryn McCurry, of Boise. They had one daughter, Barbara Jean Newman.

Joe quickly moved through the ranks during his career with Safeway until he was supervising more than a dozen stores. But he was not satisfied and wanted to start his own store — one that he could build to his own specifications and manage his own way. With \$5,000 of the money he and Kathryn had saved, and with \$7,500 borrowed from his wife's

aunt Birdie, Joe formed a partnership with L.S. Skaggs, a former Safeway Division Manager, and Tom Cuthbert, Mr. Skaggs' accountant. Joe's first store was founded in 1939 on three simple principles – quality, good value, and excellent service. He is credited as being one of the pioneers of the complete one-stop, self-service supermarket concept.

Joe opened his second and third Albertson's stores in Nampa and Caldwell, Idaho in 1940. During the years of World War II, when food was being rationed, he filled the empty shelves with health and beauty products, general household goods and other non-food items. His reputation for generosity and community involvement grew during those war years. His stores promoted war bonds and sponsored scrap drives that collected aluminum, steel, fats and paper for recycling. During the 1950's and 60's, Albertson's became a familiar name to shoppers throughout the west.

Joe's generosity continued throughout the years. The College of Idaho received many generous donations from Joe and Kathryn and for 16 years proudly called itself Albertson College of Idaho. In 2007 with a donation of \$50M from the Foundation the College reverted back to its original name, the College of Idaho, with hopes of promoting fundraising efforts from other sources. Perhaps the most obvious gift to the citizens of Idaho is the 41-acre Kathryn Albertson Park with its winding walkways, wildflower's, trees and ponds.

In 1966, Joe and Kathryn established the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation as a way to administer their own charitable giving. They focused their giving primarily on education, which was important to Joe and Kathryn since neither were able to finish college during the Great Depression. Since then, the Foundation has given more than \$400 million to improving education in Idaho. The Foundation also continues to give to charitable organizations in Idaho communities.

Joe passed away in 1993.

It has been written that Joe did the common thing uncommonly well. He accumulated a great wealth of knowledge and formulas for success. He found the fulfillment that comes from setting monumental goals and achieving them. His life was filled with enjoyment of the rare but simple pleasures — fishing a mountain stream, going hunting with friends, and enjoying the company of his family.

IDAHO INDUSTRY

J.R. "Jack" Simplot

J.R. "Jack" Simplot was born in Dubuque, Iowa, Jan. 4, 1909, and subsequently moved with his family to a farm near Declo, Idaho, as an infant. During his childhood, J.R. experienced hard work and being in business for himself by selling newspapers, eggs, and other products. He left home at age 14 to strike out on his own.

J.R. rented 40 acres of land near Declo to grow potatoes and he also raised hogs to supplement his income. He worked hard all winter to feed the hogs and sold the animals in the spring. With the \$7,800 profit, a huge amount in those days, he bought horses and farm equipment to expand his operations.

After signing a deal in 1941 to supply onion flakes and onion powder to a Chicago food broker, J.R. plunged into the new venture with typical gusto. His crew put together a dehydrating operation after watching J.R. sketch some specifications in chalk on a cement floor, and soon began processing large quantities

of dehydrated onions and potatoes at his plant near Caldwell, Idaho. Less than a year later, J.R. was approached by the military with a request to supply dehydrated vegetables to the armed forces during World War II. Over the next three years, he provided about 33 million pounds of dehydrated food to America's fighting forces.

After the end of the war in 1945, J.R. started a canning and quick-freeze vegetable operation, and employees began testing frozen potato products. His company was credited with pioneering distribution of the first commercially viable frozen french fries in 1953.

J.R. built a fertilizer manufacturing plant in 1944 at Pocatello, Idaho. Other fertilizer operations subsequently were acquired at Lathrop and Helm in CA and Rock Springs, WY. He also started buying cattle in the 1950s and the Simplot Company today owns one of the country's premier ranching and feedlot operations.

J.R. served as president of the company he founded until 1973 when he relinquished day-to-day management responsibilities and became Chairman of the Board. He retired from that position in April 1994 and assumed the title of Chairman Emeritus, a position he held until his death in 2008 at the age of 99.

Today, the Simplot Company employs about 10,000 people in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, China, New Zealand, and Australia, and has sales of \$4.5 billion as the result of J.R.'s determination, initiative, old-fashioned hard work, and ability to "hire good people and turn 'em loose." His employees loved him for placing such trust in them.

J.R. has been honored by the Idaho Potato Hall of Fame and the World Potato Congress for his contributions to the potato industry. He has been recognized for his achievements in agriculture and business, and his lifelong support of education, the arts, and community projects around the nation. J.R.'s own assessment of himself as "an old dirt farmer who made good" was typical of his self-effacing attitude, but Gov. Phil Batt provided a more appropriate appraisal at J.R.'s memorial service.

"There will be other self-made, wealthy people, and other great philanthropists," said Batt. "But Idaho will never again see a person who came from poverty, with little education, and who played such an integral part in transforming a state from a sleeping giant to the marvelous, complex and vibrant modern society that makes us so proud to be Idahoans. He is remembered with fondness and pleasure."



PREFACE

This is the twenty-first edition of the *Idaho Blue Book*, which is published biennially in odd-numbered years under the direction of the Secretary of State. The 2011-2012 edition contains constitutional, historical and statistical information about the state of Idaho. It also details the structure of Idaho's government and includes biographies of elected officials. The book is distributed free to all schools and libraries in the state upon request.

The Blue Book received its name not from the color of its cover but rather by definition of content. *Bartlett's Dictionary of Americanisms* defines the term Blue Book as "a printed book containing the names of all persons holding office under the Government of the United States. It answers the Red Book of England." Individual states have taken this concept and expanded it to include a wealth of information about state officials and resources as well as statistical and historical profiles.

This office strives for the greatest accuracy possible with this type of publication; however, because of the constant changes in appointments, some information contained within the section on Governor's Appointments is out of date even as this book is being printed.

I would like to thank the many individuals, including state, federal and local government officials and employees, whose assistance helped make the 2011-2012 edition possible.

I would like to thank Marilyn Johnson, the previous editor, for all of her help, advice and support. I am grateful to Miren Artiach for her diligence in providing the most accurate information on appointments to boards and commissions. My thanks also goes to everyone else who contributed photos to this edition. I hope that the readers will find the *Idaho Blue Book* to be an interesting and useful reference on the State of Idaho.



Patricia Herman
Editor