

# Grateful Italian Boy Returns Home After Successful Surgery

Waterbury, Conn. — A broad smile and grateful tears reflected the farewell thanks of a 17-year-old Italian boy who came to this country hopelessly crippled, and is returning home with only a slight limp, and no crutches.

Michael Chinsano was found in his tiny hometown of Torella Dell Lombardi, Italy, in 1952 with his feet bound in dirty rags. "I was visiting my birthplace," said Waterbury shoemaker Anthony Ferraro, "and I saw this boy sitting in front of St. Ann's church. I asked him if he was hurt, and offered to take him to a doctor."

Michael told Ferraro he had been born with clubfoot and could not be cured. Doctor Offers Help

Ferraro brought pictures of the boy's feet to a doctor when he returned to Waterbury. The verdict? Definitely curable.

Ferraro, through a fund raising drive, collected enough money to send for the boy. He said Congressman James T. Patterson of Naugatuck arranged for a medical visa for Michael, who arrived here 16 months ago.

Then began 10 months of surgery and hospitalization, all free of charge. Last year, Michael was permitted to live with Ferraro where he learned to walk for the first time without the use of crutches.

Ferraro sent pictures of the boy to his impoverished parents in Italy.

Mother Faints "Mrs. Chinsano wrote to me," said Ferraro. "She said when she saw the picture of her boy standing without crutches, she fainted."

Michael said he felt "wonder-

ful," but didn't like the idea of leaving America. "I'm going to miss all the things I never had before," he said.

At a farewell dinner given in the boy's honor, and attended by 200 persons, Michael, through the tears, could say only, "I thank you all. I thank Waterbury. And I never will forget America."

## Benton Sheriff Assaulted by Youth

Corvallis — Benton County Sheriff C. N. Lilly was back in his office today nursing an injured leg sustained Tuesday when he was assaulted by an 18-year-old youth he had refused a gun permit.

The youth, Calvin M. Hendricks, Corvallis, later was committed to the state hospital in Salem by District Judge Richard Mengler.

The assault occurred in the sheriff's office when the sheriff sought to put the youth out of his office after he became abusive.

The youth kicked the sheriff and struck at him with his fists. Bob Moore, 35, who was in a nearby office, came to the assistance of the sheriff and held Hendricks until he could be handcuffed.

The sheriff, still under a doctor's care for a heart condition suffered following an assault on him by a prisoner last New Year's day, required medical care for his leg. He went home to rest before returning to his office.

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**PUBLICITY STUNT DENIED**—Comedian Red Skelton and his leukemia-stricken son, Richard, 9, smile on their arrival at New York's Idlewild Airport from Europe. Skelton, who left Europe in a huff, vigorously denied the charge by several British newspapers that the trip was a publicity stunt "exploiting" Richard.

## Red Roses, Blue Violets; The Fee's Still 10 Bucks

Owosso, Mich. — The student who wrote the fee, I hope nothing is due. If fate would allow, I'd be there in person. But I'm studying hard. And have no money now. So judge me with mercy; I've learned O so well. That speeding in Michigan is harder than Hell.

Michigan State University undergraduate William Pilgrim asked leniency after he was ticketed for speeding. The exchange of correspondence between Pilgrim and Judge Peter J. Marutisk follows.

Wrote Pilgrim: Roses are red, Violets are blue; Your Verdict I dread,

Least used letter in the English alphabet is "z."

## Netherlands' Last Piece Of Indies Land Transformed

Hollandia — The dike-building energy of the Dutch is transforming Netherlands New Guinea from a Devil's Island into a model colony.

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So far, the 347,000 square miles of jungle, swamp and mountains have been a costly liability to the Dutch. Already the government has poured 50 million dollars into their half of this world's biggest island, and Gov. Jan van Baal said this year's budget of 15 million dollars would have to be increased in 1958.

Private enterprise has invested more than 100 million dol-

## Lumber Industry Due No Immediate Help on FHA Cut

Klamath Falls — Oregon's depressed lumber industry will not be helped this year by the action of reduction on down payments on homes by the Federal Housing Administration, according to Al Hartung, president of the International Woodworkers of America.

Hartung, addressing delegates to the state AFL-CIO convention here, said Tuesday he was gratified that down payments had been reduced by the FHA, but termed unfortunate the administration's decision to raise the interest rates on home loans from 5 to 5 1/2 per cent.

Beneficial To Bankers He said the administration's high-interest policies were largely beneficial to bankers.

Hartung said he did not believe the new order would have much effect upon the lumber market until next year.

The IWA leader also told delegates that cost to employers of lumber production is down 63 cents per thousand from five years ago even though a total wage increase of 25 cents an hour has been granted during that time.

## Suicide Ruled In Clerk's Death

Homedale, Idaho — A nine-member Owyhee county coroner's jury ruled Tuesday night that Homedale City Clerk Bertha Ehrhart, whose body was found in the Snake river July 29, had taken her own life.

The suicide verdict came after the seven men and two women on the jury deliberated for more than four hours.

The case had gone to the jurors after Prosecutor Sylvan Jeppen delivered a 30-minute summation of the evidence and testimony which came from the three days of the inquest.

He said the jury could consider that Mrs. Ehrhart met death by accident, by criminal means, or by suicide. He added that the fact that her hands were tied behind her apparently ruled out accidental death.

Mrs. Ehrhart had disappeared from Homedale July 8, and her disappearance touched off an intensive investigation which continued through the finding of her body three weeks later.

The investigation and inquest brought out that city records in Mrs. Ehrhart's trust were missing and ashes of the missing records were found in her incinerator. An audit of her books was started in late June.

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