



MAYOR SNIPS RIBBON—Medford Mayor James Dunlevy cut the official opening ribbon at Leed's Shoe store in the Medford Shopping Center Thursday. Looking on were Leed's Regional Manager Frank Fiser...

Alba, Italy, Boy Scout Writes to Medford Troop 7

Boy Scout Troop 7 in Medford has received a letter from Boy Scout Troop 1 in Alba, Italy.

Written by Michele Giacosa, known as Mike, the letter is in response to letters sent from the local troop as another step in furthering the Sister City program.

The letter, addressed to Richard Moyer, was written in Italian and was translated by Mrs. Russell Herbert, according to Robert Bacus, principal of Wilson school, Medford, and chairman of the city's sister city program.

Special School

Mike reports that he attends a school specializing in agriculture in Medford's sister city, Alba, Italy. He was born in Italy and joined the scouts when he was 12 years old.

The letter reads in part: "I have understood from your letter, that you are a stamp collector, and since my scoutmaster is a stamp lover, he sends you three series, hoping that you will like them and will send some stamps in exchange."

Mike expresses the hope this letter will be the starting of a continuous and lasting correspondence which will be profitable for both of us.

He also comments that "if it is easier for Richard to read French" he will correspond in French.

Advertisement for Swem's St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17, featuring a cartoon of a leprechaun.

Duncan Pleased With Steps to Get Pears in Europe

Washington, D. C.—Congressman Robert B. Duncan (D-Ore.) said last week he is pleased the United States is prepared to take steps under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) to encourage France to admit fresh pears and other fruit products of the United States.

Restrictions imposed by France have seriously hampered the export to that country of fruit from Oregon's Fourth District, Duncan said. The United States decided some months ago to make use of its "redress action" through the GATT by withdrawing certain concessions which had been granted to France.

France's restrictions on imports of fruit is in marked contrast to other countries. Specifically prohibited are canned peaches, cocktail fruit, pine apple, pears, apples, grapefruit sections, citrus juices and fresh grapes, he said.

Restrictions on Pears

However, Duncan is more immediately concerned with the restriction placed by France on imports of fresh pears, an important Fourth District product. France has limited pear imports by irregular and arbitrary controls.

In contrast to France, the imports of fresh pears are liberalized by The Netherlands, Ireland and Italy, all of which have no import controls.

The United Kingdom has an annual import quota for pears, applicable to all countries except Commonwealth countries outside the dollar area.

Most other European countries control imports by setting "opening dates" which usually coincide with the end of the marketing of their domestic supplies. Many have grading standards different from ours which effectively exclude American imports, Duncan noted.

Duncan pointed out that European import restrictions on fresh pears were, for many years, justified by these countries because of a shortage of foreign exchange. In many instances this reason is no longer valid.

The United States, through the procedures of GATT, must and is seeking to have unjustifiable trade restrictions removed.

Duncan said, "I believe greater prosperity lies in the area of expansion and freer trade than in the direction of restrictions. Specific exceptions will, doubtless, from time to time occur. In such cases, restrictions must be imposed by the U.S. to avert an immediate calamity. They should, however, be the exception rather than the rule."

"Further, our trade policies in regard to special items must be considered in the context of our entire trade problem. We cannot impose restrictions against foreign products on the one hand and insist that they be loosened abroad on the other hand."

Hartman To Be Guest At Thursday Event

William Wesley Hartman, county bridge superintendent for 44 years, will be honored at a dinner at North's Chuck Wagon in Medford Thursday, March 14, County Engineer Robert J. Carstensen said Friday.

The county court read a resolution Friday commending Hartman for his service since February, 1919. He retired last month.

County Judge Earl M. Miller noted that Hartman was responsible for the construction and repair of 169 county bridges and stream structures. The county court resolution commended Hartman for his years of public service.

Klamath County Seeks Parks Information

The Jackson county court received a letter Friday from Andy Silani, chairman of the Klamath county parks commission, inquiring as to Jackson county's procedure in contracting for a public parks concessionaire.

Silani said a private citizen has offered to operate a concession at Klamath county parks and offered to be caretaker for the privilege. Silani inquired if Jackson county has such an arrangement, if it is done on a bid basis and whether it is workable.

Advertisement for Gas Heat with the slogan 'YOU CAN'T BEAT GAS HEAT' and a list of benefits: CLEAN, DEPENDABLE, QUIET, ECONOMICAL, CONVENIENT.

Advertisement for 'Growing Family?' featuring a cartoon of a baby in a bathtub and promoting gas water heaters.

Advertisement for a \$30 trade-in allowance for old water heaters on a new 'Day & Nite' Glass Lined Gas Water Heater, with a final price of \$57.50.

Advertisement for California-Pacific Utilities Company, 'YOUR PARTNER IN WESTERN PROGRESS', with contact information for Medford and Ashland.

Large advertisement for Zale's Jewelers featuring 'BLUE RIBBON VALUE DAYS', various jewelry items like rings and watches, and promotional offers like 'NO MONEY DOWN' and 'EASY PAYMENTS'.