

Alba Paintings To Be Offered for Sale in Medford

Art lovers in the Rogue Valley are going to be given an opportunity to buy paintings included in the display sent here by Medford's Sister City, Alba, Italy, in the cultural exchange arranged by the two cities, John M. Snider, former mayor of Medford, who recently visited the Sister City, reported today.

The eight pictures, remaining for sale, are now on display at the Gift Horse in Medford, recently opened by Mrs. Jack A. Edson.

The Medford paintings that went to Alba in the exchange, were exhibited at a large reception at the city hall, where they were sold in less than an hour after the exhibit opened, Snider said. They remained on display, however, for all Alba citizens to view them.

Payment Forwarded
Payments for the paintings will be forwarded to Medford by Famija Albeisa, a family club, which is permitted to collect money for such projects. There is no similar provision in this country for such collections, Snider said, but he will receive and distribute the money to the

artists.
The paintings to go on sale here were displayed during the summer at the Rogue Gallery in Medford and then in the Public Library at Ashland. A reception, marking the opening of the exhibit here, was attended by Dr. Enrico DeMaria of Alba.

All entries in the local display are by men artists, Snider stated. No women's works were included in the exchange from Alba. Quite the opposite situation existed in the Medford display in which the works of a number of feminine artists were featured. Snider said he got the impression in Alba that few women went in for painting, confining their activities to home, family and fashion.

Enthusiasm Tremendous
The enthusiasm of the Alba people for the cultural exchange program, however, was "tremendous," Snider said. He found that the art works they had purchased from the exchange project were all viewed as treasured objects in their homes. He also met several of the artists whose work are included in the exhibit here and found them engaging in various professions while expressing their interest in art. He said they were particularly interested in an exchange of paintings by student artists.

Snider expressed hope that the cultural exchange between the two cities will be continued now that many of the problems of exporting and importing, encountered in getting the Italian display into this country, have been ironed out.
The transport of the Medford exhibit to Alba was smooth, Snider said. He just put the display in a box and took it to the Medford post office and sent it airmail. He explained that he was not criticizing the customs department but was eager to see the project continued now that people here have been educated to "how it should be done."
He found the Italian people also enthusiastic about the exchange of seeds and he was fortunate in viewing the beans in production and the Mexican fire bushes in their fall color.

CHARGES SLUGGING
MUNCIE, Ind. (UPI)—Jerry Johnson, 33, was scheduled to go to trial Dec. 27 on charges he slugged his son's eighth grade teacher.
The teacher, Richard Wiley, said Johnson hit him in the face. Wiley said Johnson stalked into the classroom and demanded his son be released from after school disciplinary measures.

Purse Snatcher Given Six Months Per Penny

DALLAS (UPI)—Wendell Polk, 18, snatched a purse from a woman's hand last March and fled.
A jury Wednesday convicted him and sentenced him to two years in prison.
The sentence averages six months per penny. Polk's total loot was four cents.

New Markets Noted With Acceptance of Fire-Retardant Wood

CORVALLIS — Extensive new markets for Oregon wood in school, business and home construction have now been created with the acceptance of fire-retardant treated wood by the building industry.
Research conducted at the Oregon State University Forest Research Laboratory played an important role in the development, according to Robert D. Graham, associate professor of wood products.
The Forest Research Laboratory found that the treated wood was usually as strong or stronger than untreated wood. Treated wood has been demonstrated to be fire safe because it contributes fuel slowly, ceases to burn when the flame is removed, limits flame speed and retains strength for some time at very high temperatures, Graham said.

Other Research
Other research organizations in the United States, notably the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wis., are developing basic information on the effects of fire on chemically-treated wood.
OSU's study on fire-retardant treated wood began five years ago. About 1,300 small Douglas fir beams were divided into two groups — one under normal storage conditions and the other in not-dry conditions similar to those existing in the Southwest U.S.
Forest Research Laboratory personnel broke some of the beams in tests after storage periods of 1 and 3 years. Remaining beams will be tested for breaking and bending at the end of 6 and 10 years.
Combined data for 1 and 3 year storage periods show no practical difference between treated and untreated wood.
Preparing New Tests
The Laboratory is now preparing to conduct strength

tests on fire-retardant treated commercial size Douglas fir lumber.
Research has helped to accelerate the acceptance of chemically-treated wood by building code officials for the construction of fire-safe buildings. This acceptance by the Building Officials Conference of America, Uniform Building Code and the National Board of Fire Underwriters permits wood to compete with other structural materials classified as non-combustible.
A 50 per cent increase in the volume of fire-retardant treated wood used in building construction during 1960-61 indicates architects, engineers and building officials now are able to designate this chemically-treated wood in almost all types of construction, Graham noted.

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Because these days so many housewives are frightened by scary articles in the magazines, I am glad when I read in medical and scientific journals that tests of our foods in government laboratories usually fail to show any significant contamination with either fallout strontium or pesticides.

For instance, a couple of months ago I read in the "Journal" of the AMA that "The latest results of the Food and Drug Administration's 'total diet' studies have again confirmed the safety and high nutritive value of the American food supply." The experts said that the strontium-90 content of food from fallout is still well within safe limits; in fact, in some places, even near the bombing sites in Nevada, no strontium could be found in milk. Obviously, there is no need for anyone to panic. The experts also measured in foods pesticide residue, and concluded that the amounts of them are well within safe limits.

And here is another statement that all mothers of growing children should read; the experts said that many foods as bought "contain ample quantities of vitamins." Today the food and drug people are warning us that there are many men going about making much money by scaring the mothers of families into buying many dollars' worth of vitamins and food-additives. The salesmen claim that unless the additives are used, the woman's loved ones will fall ill with some deficiency disease. Our national experts say that this is bunk, and they are beginning to go after the salesmen and to confiscate their false advertisements.

I often say that 70 years ago, when I was a boy, my mother had never heard of vitamins—they had not yet been discovered—but nevertheless all of us five children grew several inches taller than our parents; we all grew up well and strong, and four of us have lived long.

Police Said Afraid Of Becoming Woods

DENVER (UPI)—A woman called the city attorney's office Wednesday to report that her landlady, a voodoo practitioner, had threatened to kill the woman's daughter by putting a lock of her hair in a green hollow tree.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Richard Ploek asked her if she had called the police.

"Oh, the police are scared to come out here," the woman replied. "My landlady said she'd magic them into loads if they bother her."

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