



## TOP 100 COMPANY PURCHASES ONE OF PORTLAND'S OLDEST COMPANIES

*Associated Business Systems Acquires Darling Acme Office Machines*

**PORTLAND, Ore. (August 6, 2007)** - Associated Business Systems today announced the acquisition of one of Portland's great Southeast neighborhood institutions - Darling Acme Office Machines, which has been in business for more than 100 years.



*Harry Braunstein, Sr. and Leon Darling of the Darling Typewriter Co., 1936*

Founded in 1901, the Darling Typewriter Company originally sold and serviced typewriters in the same Foster Rd. location it operates in today. Thirty-five years later, Harry Braunstein, Sr. went to work for Leon Darling, surviving three firings - once for voting for the wrong presidential candidate - and always rehired the same day. Braunstein later purchased the company in 1949. He and his son, Harry Braunstein, Jr., brought it into the prominence it affords today.

“By joining the ABS family, Darling Acme customers will have access to the latest technology and expanded services, including additional product lines, inventory, supplies, and technical support and service personnel,” said Craig Knouf,

president, Associated Business Systems. "We recognize that Darling Acme customers value working with a family-run business. The crux of our business is exceptional customer service. We set the benchmarks for our industry," added Knouf. ABS provides industry's leading office products and services, networking solutions, document management and mailroom solutions to customers throughout Oregon and Washington.

With revenues in excess of \$40 million in 2006 and more than 9,000 customers, ABS ranks as one of Oregon's fastest-growing companies according to *The Business Journal of Portland*, and is recognized as one of the best companies to work for in Oregon by *Oregon Business* magazine. ABS has also been named to *INC Magazine's* list of the fastest-growing private companies in the United States.

Associated Business Systems supplies and services document imaging systems, including printers, copiers, fax machines, archival and retrieval devices and scanners; and provides electronic document management and mail center solutions. ABS has offices in Portland, Eugene, Salem, Medford, Klamath Falls, Roseburg and Bend, Ore., Seattle and Spokane, Wash.

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