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## A Life that Touched Many

"In peace there's nothing so becomes a man  
 As modest stillness and humility."  
 —William Shakespeare (Henry V)

Among men of real accomplishment are a few whose lives are so quiet and unassuming that their fellows do not fully recognize their total merit until they are gone.

Some will know their worth in one field and appreciate it; and some will know it in another.

But not until the full record is established do all understand the many facets of such a person. For he finds his reward in achievement and not in the speaking of it.

Such a man was Al Lamb.

In every sense he was a leader, yet his was the quietest voice in the crowd.

Some knew him best for his work in the grain industry. He came to Morrow county in 1952 to manage the Morrow County Grain Growers at a time when the organization was in distress. Without a background in grain, he soon became a respected authority. He led the Grain Growers into sound management and prosperity, and his influence in the industry became felt throughout the Northwest and into the national level.

Some knew him for his work in the community. After serving on the city council, he became Mayor of Heppner and was in his sixth year in that capacity at the time of his death. His leadership was marked by the spirit of cooperation that has existed in city government here. He was at the forefront in working for community betterment and in representing the city. But at council meetings his was a quiet voice that called upon others to have their say.

Some knew him best for his interest in politics. Al Lamb was one of those men who felt that everyone should devote some time to participation in governmental affairs, and he developed a particular yen for politics. He was dedicated to the Democratic party, and as chairman of the county committee, he endeared himself to office seekers in the party by his loyalty and support for them.

This interest brought him close to those politically prominent at the state and national levels. As a result he had opportunities for positions of importance in government, but he declined them to stay in Morrow county.

Some knew him best for his fraternal and youth work. He had been a district governor of the Lions club and an international counsellor in that organization, and he was an executive board member of the Blue Mountain council, Boy Scouts of America.

There were those who knew him for his work on farmer cooperatives, both on the state and national levels, and for his participation in farmer organizations.

There were those who knew him for the love of outdoors. He loved the woods and mountains in Morrow county and enjoyed hunting every fall, often with his good friend, Congressman Al Ullman.

There were some who knew him simply as a friend.

Here was a man without bitterness and without malice. If, in the heat of a political campaign, someone unleashed a verbal attack in his direction, he responded only with a quiet passiveness. He chose to speak well of his fellows and gained some of the respect he achieved as a political leader by emphasizing the positive points for his party without deriding the opposition.

No matter in what facet one knew Al Lamb, the person is the better for having known him. There are many who will cherish his memory.

## A Letter from Home

Elsewhere on this page is a letter from John Pfeiffer, Jr., now serving with the Coast Guard, and we're frank to say that arrival of the letter was one of the most delightful incidents of the week.

Oh, we appreciate the nice things he has to say about the Gazette-Times, but it isn't the fact that he is so complimentary that tickles us but more the fact that he looks upon the paper as a letter from home.

In the past, we have often had boys in service tell us that even their buddies—who never heard of the town—enjoy reading the paper.

It would be good to think that this is some special quality that the Gazette-Times possesses, but we know this is not so. Most any hometown paper if it does its job well, brings a little bit of that community back to those who are away, and particularly if they are gone for the first time.

The buddies, who also may issue from small towns, find enough similarity in the paper to bring them a touch of home, too.

These are the kids who not long ago might have made a rather bashful appearance in a school play, or tooted a horn in the band, or hit a "home run" in a Little League baseball game when the outfielder dropped the ball.

Suddenly they're grown and gone. They're making names for themselves in new fields; they blossom forth with talents that the home folks never thought they possessed; they're seeing places that their parents have only read about.

From a perspective, they more readily appreciate the influences that have had a part in their development.

And on our part, we appreciate those, like John who are thoughtful enough to write and keep us posted. We like to know what our hometown boys are doing, and as they do this, they help make it a better hometown paper for others.

## Permits Needed At 211 Camp Sites

Two hundred eleven sites with 6,155 family camping units have been designated in the National Forests of Oregon and Washington for coverage under the Land and Water Conservation Act, a news release from the U. S. Forest Service announced.

Use of the sites during the summer will require payment of a daily fee or the purchase of a \$7 annual permit. The permit is a gold-colored, wallet-sized card. It replaces the bumper sticker used last year.

The \$7 card will go on sale March 25 at offices of the Forest Service and other Federal agencies administering site coverage by the program. The card may be used at 7,000 Federal sites throughout the nation.

They will be on sale at the office of the Heppner Ranger district on the second floor of the Gilliam and Bisbee building here, although as of Wednesday the cards had not been received at the office.

Not all National Forest recreation sites are covered by the Land and Water Conservation Fund program established by Congress, and activities such as hunting or fishing are not affected by the program.

The permit is needed for camping and outings at Bull Prairie.

## TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor:  
 Re Creston Foster's "Farm Bureau Furrow" column of March 17, may I suggest that publishing such journalism, which is best characterized by the phrase condemnation by innuendo, as a "public service" is rather a disservice to your readers.

This particular article takes the cake. Lacking facts, the author has written a string of unfounded conclusions, half myths, and innuendoes, and then has the gall to pass this off as informed criticism. Had he any perception or wisdom, he would realize that any thinking person could only regard such action as an insult.

To speak to the issue, the author completely misrepresents the intent of the program "medicare alert". Indeed, those elderly who demanded medicare have already signed up, but perhaps Mr. Foster is unaware, as he sits in his padded chair and his plush office, that there are numerous elderly who are isolated for various reasons, and aren't aware of medicare. Geographical isolation, in rural areas such as I presently work in, maintains an effective wall between many elderly and not only medicare, but many social services that they are eligible for and could profitably use. Lack of mobility among the elderly is no small factor. A large factor is lack of education, and often illiteracy. How do you reach senior citizens with newspaper announcements of medicare, when they either can't read or wouldn't understand it anyway, and often can't afford the newspaper to start with.

I have been associated with a program similar to medicare alert, and I state unhesitatingly that reluctance to medicare is not because senior citizens don't want it, or don't need it, but because it will cost them money. As the medicare program is presently structured, it provides two types of insurance. Hospital insurance is automatically available to nearly everyone over 64 at no cost to them. Only those who don't receive social security or railroad retirement benefits need apply for it. In other words, medicare alert isn't concerned with this insurance.

Medical insurance, however, must be applied for by all persons who want it. This insurance will cover doctor's bills (4.5 of cost) and many other medical services. However this insurance also costs \$3 per month (with the federal government matching that). This is where the hitch is. Many elderly don't feel they can afford \$3 out of their fixed income.

The object of medicare alert then is to inform those who aren't aware of medicare, of its benefits and if there is less than a stampede to sign for it, it is overwhelmingly due to financial limitations rather than affluence.

Foster's contrast of medicare to voluntary farm programs is less than scholarly. He is unable to establish an analogy between the two. There is no goal of compelling senior citizens to sign up for medical insurance. The object of this program is to fill a void; to serve a need. It is only unfortunate that to achieve the program, compromises had to be made which result in some of the elderly who most need the insurance being unable to afford it.

For the rest of Foster's nearly unintelligible column, the easiest way to counteract such unthinking innuendoes is to challenge his premises. The shallowness of Foster's thought process is evident in his wholly unfounded charge that our European neighbors have fully, or even partially, accepted the idea that the State is the complete master of their destinies. This simply is not true.

And as for his grand allusions to independence and a free spirit, I'm glad we're not all as independent as the old lady a colleague of mine found the other day in a rural home. She had not had a bath or had her hair washed in over two years, and was unable to care for herself. The only food in the house was a bag of onions, and some raw potatoes which she had been eating for days.

While this letter is not meant to be a defense of the Great Society, I might note that if criticism is in order, let us have some constructive criticism, and not the uninformed and vicious tripe Mr. Foster puts out.

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 % AMCAB  
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 Munising, Michigan

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

QUOTE from Giles L. French in the Sherman County Journal: "Not much use in watching TV," said grandpa. "Don't smoke cigarettes, don't have hair, don't stink."

CHUCK FLEMMING of Ruralite was here Wednesday to teach the Columbia Basin Electric crews some safety pointers. The men were assembled at the substation for demonstrations on how to rescue from poles linemen who had suffered shock.

Chuck noticed that one of the men was chewing "snooze."

"We have just abolished mouth-to-mouth resuscitation," he said.

IT WAS at the immunization clinic recently at Heppner grade school: "Dr. Tibbles, tell me a joke," asked a little boy waiting in apprehension for his injection.

Dr. Tibbles, in silence, inserted the needle and said, "Get the point?"

ONE THING an Oregonian appreciates particularly after traveling to other parts of the world, said Mrs. Ralph (Lou) Crum after returning with her husband from their tour of Damascus, Jerusalem, Italy, Greece, Egypt and way points, is the water in good old Oregon.

The water situation is bad everywhere," she said, pointing out that it isn't limited to the countries abroad. It is almost as bad in New York. Only trickles come out of the faucets in hotel rooms in the big city. They had quite a contrast on their modes of travel—everything from camels to big jet airplanes. Riding the camels in the area of the Pyramids and Sphinx was "quite an experience," but they didn't do it "solo." A camel driver led the animals.

The rides on the big jets were really nice, she reported. (Story of their trip is elsewhere in this paper).

BOB DeSPAIN, the "franky" Franz driver reports: Mrs. Jim (Diana) Marshall of Arlington has proved that she can "deliver the dough" (baked that is) when the situation demands it.

Her husband, who takes the Franz bread route (240 miles round trip) through Condon, Fossil, Kinzua and on to Monument was laid up with blood poisoning in his foot last week and was unable to make the route.

Somewhat familiar with the route, and with an assist by her father-in-law, Bill Marshall, Diana took over the big chore.

"It isn't easy to handle and supply the big variety of needs for all those customers," remarked DeSpain. "—And he ought to know. There was time or two when his rig broke down that we wouldn't have been surpris-

ed to see him bring in bread on camel back.

"MUST HAVE immediately five wheeled grabenstengal with left-handed zoenshift and power dipollick. Write P. O. Box 38."

This was a classified ad that appeared in a Washington newspaper and copy of which was sent to Orville Cutsforth, along with some of the 30 or 40 replies the advertiser received.

Among the replies:

"In answer to your ad in the Quincy paper, I am pleased to inform you that I have a five-wheeled grabenstengal with power dipollick. It is fitted with both right and left-handed zoenshift. It is a beautiful model with a 37.345 h.p. motor. But you can also push or pull it with will. I am most reluctant to part with it but would consider trading it for 5½ pounds of doughnut holes. I have a slant-eyed dodo bird who loves hot air fried in deep fat so I have found it thrives on doughnut holes. Knowing that you are interested in a grabenstengal I am quite confident that you will have an adequate supply of these doughnut holes laying around."

"Sir: In reference to your advertisement desiring a grabenstengal, I may be able to be of help to you. My grabenstengal has had four years of light use and should be good for many more. The dipollick was converted to power just last year. This grabenstengal is a four-wheeled model, but it does have the additional convenience of a three-inch wikarept. As I'm sure you already know the wikarept makes the grabenstengal's zoenshift more efficient if the power dipollick is properly adjusted."

"Dear Sir: In reply to your ad in the Post-Register I would inform you that I have a five-wheeled grabenstengal. Mine has left-handed zoenshift and power dipollick. I am sure this is the only one around as it came to this country on the Mayflower. I have had some trouble with the zoenshift as the has-beener which connects the zoenshift to the power dipollick will not biffersheldt. I would sell this machine or maybe I could trade for a set of left handed stove pipe wrenches."

MUST BE that spring is coming on too quickly around some parts. Anyway, we don't think anyone can find a grabenstengal in Morrow county, at least not with a late model zoenshift. Maybe John Pfeiffer might have had some at one time mixed in with his dubbissaries over by the whachamacallits in the Western Auto store, but he probably replaced them with the new springfingles.

IF ANYONE should reply to this, please mark plainly on the envelope, "Do not fold, mutilate or spindle." We wouldn't want to frufficate the sensitive contronutator on the zoenshift.

## Dear Wes:

Perhaps some of the local citizens have told you about Henry Vogler, the man who made the big sale in Harney County. In case you have not been informed, I am writing what little I know and to point out that your files will be valuable if you are interested in making a study.

Vogler came from the Washlucna area in eastern Washington where he attained success as a dry land farmer. He was among the list of farmers who early adopted the trashy summer-fallow system of cultivation. He visited the Butter Creek area and became interested in the hill land running from the Butter Creek forks on the south side of Big Butter Creek east for several miles. I believe there are some 2200 acres in the tract.

Announcement that he intended to break up the land and sow it to wheat naturally raised doubts in the minds of the creek ranchers, but they concluded it was Vogler's funeral and calmly awaited results. I don't wish to be considered accurate on the first year's crop, but it seems to me some of the land produced as much as 16 bushels to the acre.

Vogler later acquired more land, some of it at least on the Morrow county side of the creek. He also bought cattle and wishing to expand in that line began looking around for a "spread." This he found in the Burns area and he lost no time in disposing of his wheat land and limited stock enterprise in order to take over the Harney county spread. It would appear that he has done quite well in southeast Oregon.

I have been interested in the developments in the Willow Creek Project. It is to be hoped there will be at least a 90% sign-up for water use. The acreage is too small for an irrigation project but those who have stayed with the valley land throughout the years are entitled to a little assistance from "Uncle," which, after all is a matter of spending some of their own money for their own benefit. Aside from the direct local benefit, there are many other activities that will attract people from the outside, some to locate and many who seek recreation. Living in an area where the economy is based on recreation, it is easy for me to see the benefits from outside money coming in to stimulate business. So I say: Don't fight it, or merely tolerate it—think on it and be ready for it when the water is backed up behind the Willow Creek Dam!

O. G. Crawford  
 Lincoln City, Oregon

Wes:  
 I am receiving the Gazette-Times now and enjoy every page of it. It's quite an honor to receive this truly great paper, and I thank you very much.

In September I will be leaving for Antarctica and throughout our tour we plan to visit Chile, New Zealand, Australia, Tahiti, and Hawaii. Our scheduled date for arriving back in Seattle is near the end of April or early May. Following three months in drydock, another cruise, this time bound for the Arctic, is scheduled. Unless I am extended for two months I will not be required to make this cruise.

So far the Coast Guard has been quite an experience and I am looking forward to the cruise, which will be quite an experience for a boy as young as I. I feel I am fortunate to be stationed aboard the U.S.C.G.C. Staten Island and to be a member of the will-be-famous crew.

The Staten Island is a 267 foot icebreaker, powered by six diesel electric engines, and maintains a top speed of sixteen knots. An icebreaker's primary job is to resupply expeditions and remote villages, and the secondary job being that of towing ships through ice.

Thanks again for the Gazette and I will think of all my friends whenever I read your fine paper.

John Pfeiffer F.A.  
 U.S.C.G.C. Staten Island  
 Pier 91 N.S.D.  
 % Postmaster  
 Seattle, Washington

To the Editor  
 Dear Sirs:  
 The State of Oregon Industrial Accident Commission informs us through the papers, they have TEN million plus dollars to return to insurers. They claim this to be a saving to the tax payers of Oregon and attempt to make us believe they are the most competent agency to handle the Industrial Insurance business for the state. But are they? Inform yourself and then judge them.

Being one of possible thousands of the victims of this imaginary savings, I know differently. I know the pain and distress that thousands like myself has gone through. I know of the waste in time and money that go to the doctor that examines for the state and testifies in court for the state. Ask the Oregon State Welfare how many of your tax dollars go to victims of this ignoble policy. Ask the victims and their families what they think of such a policy. Ask the eight doctors that examined me, about their educated guesses. Ask the American Medical Association how many incompetent, and I claim some to be irresponsible, doctors are allowed to make us their victims. Ask yourself: Is this right? Is there any justice or defense for this needless suffering? What can and should be done? Have you a just and true complaint against an in-

competent doctor or the State Industrial Accident Commission? Do you have the courage to fight for your right and the rights of others?

I know some of you fellow victims and I ask others to join us in a war that must be won for the benefit for all.

An Accident Insurance Program that protects the working man and his family, protects the taxpayer from subsidizing the Industrial Accident Commission, and the private insurance companies are the only terms for Peace.

Ray C. Crantford  
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 Clackamas, Oregon

To the Editor:  
 Dear Readers:  
 My highest compliments to Wes for printing the article last week entitled, "My Right Hand and My Left Hand," by Jack Powell. Couldn't have had a better editorial to prove my point about the vicious circle of tax money being spent on intensive study of effects of cigarette smoking by the Dept. of Health and Surgeons' general office.

In order to produce more tobacco, the Federal Government spent \$2,280,000 in fiscal year 1965 to improve tobacco farming techniques and methods of marketing. In addition, the U. S. tobacco subsidies to growers amounted to \$173,341 in 1965, and \$11,517,064 in 1964.

\$3,335.50 was spent in 1965 in researching tobacco health hazards; and no way of telling how many dogs were mutilated by extending a graft to the bronchial tube through the chest wall to the outside of the dog's body. With every breath the dog was forced to take smoke into its lungs. Dogs dying of collapsed lungs, infections and pneumonia gave no hint of the kind of damage inhaling cigarette smoke does to a chronic human smoker.

The vivisector himself has proven that there is no relationship between man and the lower animal, yet he is so hard pressed for an excuse to engage in research "that he sets up artificial problems that terminates in worthless answers similar to the ones answered last week," that people who smoke cigarettes habitually are considered more likely to become victims of lung cancer, heart disease, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, halitosis and sundry other plagues.

The old human body has a habit of tucking cancer in a lot of unmentionable places that cigarette smoke never had a chance to reach. So why lay it onto smoking and cause mil-

lions of man's best friends to die in worthless experiments just to come up with such stupid and worthless answers.

What other of man's vices will he inflict on animals?

When the Dept. of Agric. spends \$210,000 on a filmed commercial called "The World of Pleasure" to depict the joys of cigarette smoking, I feel this is only adding insult to injury as far as tax money goes.

Why not write your representatives that you protest the tortures our animals go through to get such useless unintelligent answers.

In friendship for God's creatures—  
 Mrs. Lois Winchester, Heppner

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- ### Coming Events
- EASTER FOOD SALE  
 By Triple Links Club, Heppner  
 Friday, April 8, 10:00 a.m.  
 Next door to Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Ins.
  - PUBLIC DANCE  
 Friday, March 25  
 Fair Pavilion, 10:15 p.m.  
 Music by The Henchmen,  
 \$1.00 per person.
  - BISHOP SEWING CLASS  
 By BMCC Extension Dept.  
 Third in 10-week Series  
 Wed., March 30, 7:30 p.m.  
 Heppner High Home Ec. room.
  - BAND FESTIVAL  
 Friday, Saturday, March 25, 26  
 Heppner High School  
 Six Bands Participating  
 Public Concert, Saturday, 8:00 p.m.
  - TRAVELING FOOD SALE  
 Saturday, April 9  
 Beta Omega Sorority  
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