

Uncle Billy Lyman Maintains Sense of Humor Despite Long Illness; Will Be 85 Tuesday

A sense of humor, capable of transcending the usual range of intense suffering and sending a sparkle into a pair of blue eyes when nerve-wracking medicine pains at their point—that the long to William (Billy) Lyman, who will celebrate his eightieth birthday in Medford today.

Probably it is because Billy was and still is, a soldier, that he keeps battling on against the illness which has kept him bed-ridden for four months. But to those who observe him closely, it appears so



Wm. Lyman

he a combination of kindness to those who care for him, and a dash of devilment in his make-up which prompts him to turn every serious conversational trend into a ripple of laughter.

**Fights Self Lightly**  
The gift of not taking himself too seriously, even when forced to recount his civil war experiences, is contagious, if, sometimes a bit exasperating. For Billy, who was the second youngest boy in Company C of the 29th Iowa, and now the only survivor of that company, heartily believes that the war would have resulted exactly the same had he never entered.

Of course, Billy says, they could not have told him that when he was 18—when, in spite of being rejected twice on account of being too small physically and not particularly strong, he kept pushing away at the recruiting offices until the chain worked and he got in the army.

He served through the latter part of '63 through '64 and up to the last of August, '65. He fought through the battles at Helena, Ark., Little Rock, the battle of Jenkins's Ferry and Little Missouri and was three times wounded.

**Often Feared**  
"But at that, I was scared more often than I was hit," observed Billy.

His most prominent part in the war came at the bombardment of the Spanish fort and Fort Blakeley, across the bay from Mobile, just before that city was taken. His regiment was the first to enter the city after its surrender.

Born in Ohio, he lived most of his life in Iowa. It was at Council Bluffs, Iowa, that he first saw Abraham Lincoln, before the latter was president and while Billy was just a boy. The great emancipator was then a lawyer and had come to that city in connection with locating the Union Pacific terminal.

When he reached the prairie age he had the pleasure of voting for Lincoln, and has never allowed a vote since, having cast his ballot 17 times for president.

**Married in 1874**  
It was in 1874 that Mr. and Mrs. Lyman were married in the state of Iowa. They raised five children of their own, four daughters and one son, and two grandsons.

Mrs. Clinton Spencer, a daughter from Keosauqua, Iowa, and Mrs. William Lyman, a daughter-in-law from Summit, Iowa, are at his bedside now, the former having arrived in Medford last Saturday.

Other daughters are Mrs. Fred Schaefer of Medford, Mrs. E. E. Kishac of Rupert, Iowa, and Mrs. E. E. Bagley of Keosauqua, Iowa.

"The credit for whatever small amount of success I may have had in this life, belongs to Mrs. Lyman," he said, with the only apparent trace of seriousness he showed during a recent visit. The couple celebrated their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary last September.

**Prominent in G. A. R.**  
Prominent in the service of the G. A. R., he was post commander in Iowa for a number of years, after which he was active in the Irish organization until 1918, when he went to Columbus as a delegate and returned to his home state of Iowa. In 1920 he came to Medford, attempting to find a suitable climate for Mrs. Lyman, then in poor health.

For the past eight years he has been commander of the local G. A. R. post. Seven years ago he was with a unit of the five delegates from the state of Oregon to the Denver convention. He was also chosen as a state delegate this year but his illness kept him from going.

During the 16 long weeks of illness his room has been packed with flowers, notes and letters from friends throughout Medford, who, in making the ray of sunshine brought by Mr. Lyman to each meeting, have tried to return a little of it into his life when he needs it most.

and equine player, having grounds for both at Edgewood.

The following article to the well known Medford man was published recently in the Boston, N. D. News Item.

Most people can recall to mind at least one man of their acquaintance whom they consider ideal or as nearly perfect as any human being they ever knew. Such a man the writer has in mind. He is 85 years old and lives on a farm of 160 acres in Medford, Oregon. His name is William Lyman and we first knew him in Oakland, Iowa, in 1881. That was the year we first entered the newspaper business as proprietors of the Oakland Argon, which we purchased from J. J. Lyman at the time it was established. Mr. Lyman gave it the name of The Argon. He was also instrumental in having the town's name changed from Oak Grove to Oakland, which was much more euphonious and desirable.

Mr. Lyman was a pioneer. He settled in Big Grove when a boy, and as a boy killed in the Civil war after being ejected three times because of his age. He made a gallant record as a private, and saw some heavy fighting of the war of 1861, settled down and married the girl who was waiting for him. Mr. Lyman is a man of irreproachable character, one whom everybody instinctively loved and honored. His life was full of countless deeds of kindness and generosity. As a business man he seemed some fortune, which he spent largely helping others. Unselfishly devoted to his family, he belonged to no church but has been a contributor to all, and insisted that his children be in Sunday school every Sunday morning.

He is just a common man, but uncommon in many ways—jolly, good-natured, a wit and an entertainer. His greatest passion is for flowers and his home is a showplace. He is possessed of remarkable vitality and up to his recent illness walked many miles a day.

Mr. Lyman attended nearly every national reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic during the last 49 years. He was appointed one of the five delegates representing the state of Oregon for this year but is unable to attend on account of his illness. He is the only surviving member of Co. C 29th Iowa Infantry.

Our only excuse for writing the above is that it might bring a ray of sunshine to one who has radiated sunshine to thousands during his long life.

"Water flowers to the living."

Baby Star at WPG



ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP)—A two-year-old radio star is one of the features at WPG.

Baby Rose Marie is giving a series of broadcasts at the station each evening afternoon in the children's hour. She is a singer, dancer and impersonator of stage celebrities. She started her career at WPG last summer and since then has made a considerable hit. She has made frequent chain appearances.

How Weird Cults Start

When the good, middle-westerners get tired of living their normal lives, they go to Los Angeles, hanging with the cults of the time in town or the automobile agency in Ohio, they respond to some of the smaller features the fruits of many subtle and industrious years. But when the cult is still absent, the family and social ties that would help make life worth while. There is nothing to do, and there is no cherished old friend around to see it done. Good sense and inhibitions suffer accordingly.

Slightly dazed human beings, born from their natural settings, come to the assistance of their own, and in the process, with curious ritual and mysterious mystery, in forming a "spiritual" link for persons with nothing to do. Alphonse Desjardins is said to have said: "The Divine Order of the Royal Arm of the Great Seal" is more like it. Such cults have their "businesses" who are "made to the kingdom," and their "sacred" books their "sixty" seeds," their "seventy" transcripts of "Divine" and much more of the same general pattern.

FARM LOANS PAID OUT TO DATE ARE NEAR 70 MILLION

By Frank J. Miller, Farm Editor

Associated Press Feature Service WASHINGTON (AP)—Applications for loans from the federal farm loan board totaled approximately \$20,000,000 September 26, Chairman Lodge reveals in a statement to the senate committee on agriculture.

Of that amount, the chairman says, \$25,000,000 tentatively has been approved by the board. Only \$28,000,000 actually has been called for. Interested according to the board's policy of making loans, the amount "called for" represents the sum cooperatives have qualified to receive. The \$17,000,000 is approved, providing the cooperatives seeking to borrow it can satisfy the board's demands in regard to organization, previous acquisition of loans from the federal intermediate banks, and security.

"In by far the larger number of cases," explains Mr. Lodge, "instead of sending in a definite request or application for a loan, individuals or groups representing cooperatives have appeared before us to find out just how to go about it." "In some of these cases, such as applications for loans on farm land, we have advised the applicants that we did not feel they were within the scope of our activities and have referred them to the federal farm loan board.

"In many cases the discussions developed the fact that the cooperative had not had an audit of its business for a considerable period of time, or in the case of plant facilities, that they had not been appraised in recent years."

MODERN METHODS AID TIRE SALES

Due to the present day demand of the automobile driving public for expert and rapid service the tire merchant of today must be more than a dealer and repairman.

Statistics show that the total number of tire dealers in the United States has decreased from about 90,000 last year to about 80,000 according to the Pisk Tire company. In turn, the percent of dealers handling only one make of tires has increased from approximately 48 per cent to more than 58 per cent, according to Sam Jennings, local Pisk dealer.

"This decrease in total numbers and increase in the percentage of dealers who are placing their full effort back of one make of tire is a good thing for the tire industry and a good thing for the motorist," says Mr. Jennings. "The tire man of today has to be able to provide expert and scientific advice, based on exact information and designed to prevent tire waste, in order to win public confidence and patronage."

"The public has plainly shown that it demands the kind of service that bigger and better tire merchants can give and statistics of the industry indicate that the trend is all toward larger and better equipped tire stores."

**Chinese Like Soft Drink**  
SHANGHAI (AP)—The demand for a certain American summer drink became so strong here that retailers were unable to meet it. The price went up from a nickel to fifteen cents a bottle and even when it could not always be had.

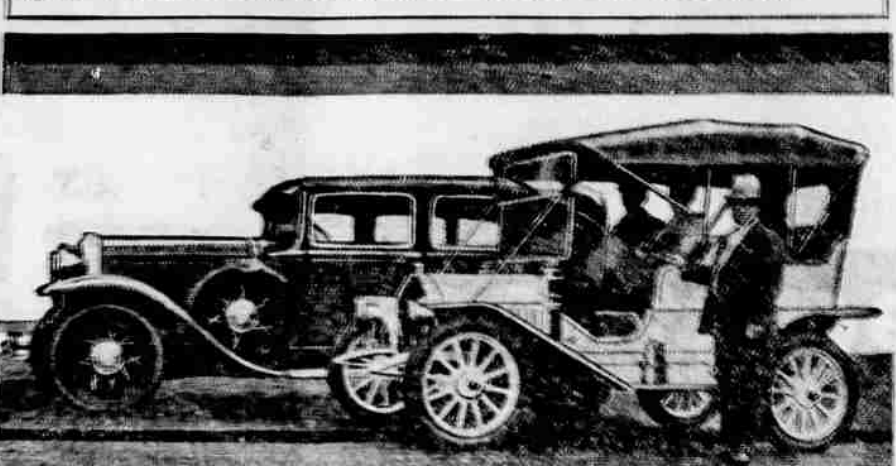
**STOCKHOLM (AP)**—Arrangements are already being made to cope with the influx of automobiles expected here next May to October for the exposition of arts, crafts and ideal homes. Stations are to be opened at the main entrance of the city, where buses will be furnished to guide visitors to any desired place.

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Veteran Motorist Discovers Old Pal



While visiting an exhibit of pioneer motor cars at a recent county fair in Oregon, Henry Crenshaw of Tillamook recognized the old 1909 Buick shown here as the identical car he had purchased more than twenty years ago. The Oregon farmer to whom he sold the car in 1910 has used it continuously since that time. The four-door 1930 sedan in the background is Mr. Crenshaw's twentieth Buick.

BHILON, Germany (AP)—A bell here under government license, cal knowledge of metal casting can casting school has been established. Those who already possess practical the bell instruction by mail.

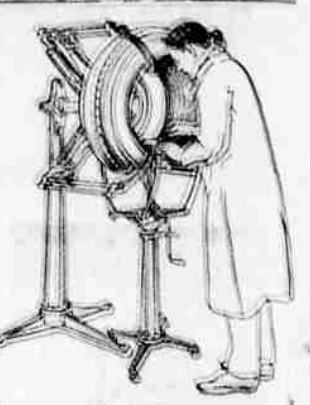
**Real Boys American Club**  
TWO (AP)—Recently the millimeter antiaircraft artillery of American clubs may soon be added to their armament. There were two additions to supply a "first" history for antiaircraft purposes, one a 75mm in the United States and the other French.

**LENINGRAD (AP)**—The father of Alexander I in Krasnoyarsk has been made over into a new house for soldiers of the Red Army. The great hall that formerly contained seven officers' barracks, which the military of war eventually will occupy.

**AYR, Scotland (AP)**—A stained glass window in memory of John Mackay, the British tycoon who lost his life on a steam-Atlantic flight with Capt. Walter Hinch, died in March, 1928, will be placed in the Glasgow Parish church. The Earl and Countess of Innes, parents of the aviator, donated the memorial.

**DRIEBURGEN, Holland (AP)**—Wilhelm Hohenhausen, ex-employer of Germany, exhibited roses, dahlias and rhododendrons at the

Netherlands Garden Products exhibition in this city. The exhibitor said that despite the fact that the wood and more to growing flowers in the open.



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