

**ANDY
LITTLE**



**IDAHO
SHEEP KING**

*by
Louise Shaddock*

**An Anecdotal Biography
of a
Memorable Idaho Sheep Man**



INTRODUCTION

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Hundreds who read Louise Shadduck's book on Andy Little and his life with the livestock and land of Idaho, will have thrilled along with those of us privileged to be in the chambers of the U.S. House of Representatives at a joint session last November when the Polish Patriot Lech Walesa, the shipyard worker from Gdansk, opened his inspiring speech with the words, "We the people . . ." I was deeply moved by what this one individual with an idea, a dream, a desire for freedom for his country, did in lighting the spark that flamed into the battle for freedom still going on in Europe.

We must always remember what a single individual, seized by an idea and an ideal, can do. In an entirely different area, yet with an idea of what he could do in American agriculture was Andy Little. Because of the freedom in which he could operate, Andy Little became one of the greatest American sheepmen of the twentieth century. He brought about modern large-scale ranching, updated management, and systematic breeding.

He also was a lover of freedom and equality. He treated the sheepherders like the good men they were, promoted from the ranks, and showed equal favor to a man's ability, loyalty and hard work, without regard to skin color nor the language he had spoken in the Old World. This book is about sheep and wool forming an important block in the building of American agriculture. It is also about building strong families. And of the western state in which all this flourished—Idaho.

My hometown of Russell, Kansas, appears to be akin to Emmett,

Idaho, and thousands of other small American towns from whence come the sustaining traits of friendliness, helpfulness and the building of extended families, to include employers, employees, friends and neighbors. I say that the farmer's existence now depends upon "faith, hope and parity."

I have known and become friends with a number of Idahoans, including sheep and woolgrowers. All of them have a strength of character and integrity that I am convinced is alive today throughout our land.

Idaho's Centennial Year is a good time to bring out a book which puts us in touch with the several generations to whom this one is closely knit. "We the people . . ." need to be reminded of what went into Idaho, to Kansas, and indeed, into the entire United States, and rededicate ourselves to the ideas and ideals that served our forebears so well.

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