

A lifetime of hard work doesn't diminish longevity for Huston Lesley

A lifetime of hard work hasn't diminished Huston Lesley's longevity. With family and friends, he celebrated his 99th birthday on February 1, last weekend. And his young 93-year-old wife, Marie, baked him a cherry pie for the occasion.

Houston grew up on the family farm near Monument where his Scottish grandparents once settled. After receiving his elementary schooling there, he quit school and went to work full time at 15 years of age.

Besides ranch work, Houston became an important crew leader of that county's road department. When a road was developed through the narrow part of the John Day gorge, Houston became the "powder monkey" and set the dynamite charges in those sheer rock walls.

Houston, better known by 'Hoot', a moniker he acquired from his father, worked on ranches, drove stage routes and became a self-taught mechanic and general jack-of-all trades. Houston was 21 when he entered the Army during World War I in 1917. After training stateside, he was stationed in Hawaii. Although this corporal was training his squad for combat in Europe, the war ended. According to Lesley, "We just missed getting sent to Germany to get our heads blown off."

Marie Legler Huston grew up in the Long Creek area. By chance, after the war ended,



Marie and Huston Lesley

these two met at a dance. Marie says she was hoping this handsome guy in his uniform would ask her to dance. Not only did he invite her to dance, but he also took her home afterwards.

This couple were married on Labor Day 1919, which Marie claims is why they had to work all the time. However while this couple says that they never used to get tired, it's much easier now to become tired without working all the time.

The Houstons recall their honeymoon trip via a Model T Ford to camp out in the mountains. Their second hand vehicle, costing the sum of \$85 didn't have enough power to charge up hills. When it stalled, they would put rocks behind the wheels and "let it rest awhile." That night a sudden rainstorm soaked the

newlyweds and their bedding when they made camp on the ground.

Times were hard, Houston says, with ranch hands earning a dollar a day. Marie helped put groceries on their table by cooking for ranch crews. Later Houston drove stage route between Long Creek and Kimberly. And they bought a home in Canyon City for \$400. Although they now had electricity and running water, Marie continued to wash on the board as they didn't have enough money to buy a washing machine.

The Houstons also lived in Mt. Vernon for five years where they owned a service station and garage. Houston repaired vehicles and Marie often pumped gas although she also tended a large garden at their home on the outskirts of town. During this time, their three small daughters often hauled the surplus garden produce to town in their wagon. Those hard earned nickles and dimes helped provide school supplies and clothing.

After the family moved to Moscow, Idaho, Houston worked at machinery maintenance. Then they move to the Portland area to work in the shipyards. Although they acquired a nice home in Estacada, they became tired of "the rat race" of commuting to work every day. In 1945, they decide to head back to home ground.

Marie Houston jokes that the reason they settled in Hardman is because they ran out of gas before crossing the Blue Mountains. This one-stop business became their livelihood where they continue to live. Marie was post mistress for 21 years and managed the store. Houston pumped gas and did vehicle repairs. When rural mail delivery routes closed the Hardman post office in 1968, they soon decided to close Hardman's only business establishment so they could do some traveling.

The Lesley dynasty now includes their three daughters, eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and at least 30 great, great-grandchildren, whom they find difficult to count.

Schlauch, Ashbeck named to east-west shrine football team



Bill Schlauch



Jared Ashbeck

Bill Schlauch of Heppner and Jared Ashbeck of Ione were named to the east team All-Star Shriner's football team. The annual east-west game will be played in Baker City Aug. 12.

Schlauch, an end for the Heppner Mustangs was named to the CBC first team defense and second team offense as a wide receiver.

Ashbeck quarterbacked for the Ione Cardinals and played defensive lineman. He was named to the Big Sky League All-Star team. Each team will roster 32 with a 32 member alternate squad. Others named from the CBC were Rory Wilson and Ryan Thompson, Sherman; Chris Humphries, Pilot Rock; Curt Sloan, Weston-McEwen; Shawn Tracey, Umatilla. Alternates named

were Seth Wheeler, Riverside; Kevin Stanley, Pilot Rock; Tony Minkler, Weston-McEwen, Stephen Stockton, Sherman and Ryan Montgomery, Wapiniton.

Greg McAnally, Central High School in McMinnville from the Capitol League will head up the coaching staff for the east team. Lee Howe, Imbler, Wapiti league and Terry Crenshaw, Wallowa, of the Old Oregon league will assist.

The seven day training camp will begin with physicals on August 4 at Eastern Oregon State College at LaGrande. The 43rd annual game will be held the following Saturday.

Last year's game was the second highest fund raising event in the Shrine of North America, producing a net amount of \$90,000. This is made possible

Ione teamwork slams door on Condon



Photo by Wayne Harns

Jared Ashbeck goes for layup against Condon

By Tonya Heideman

Ione teamwork and bench depth slammed the door shut on the Condon Blue Devils, Friday, Feb. 3, when the Cardinals beat them at home 68-50.

It was a close game until the middle of the third quarter. Jake McElligott reheated the Cardinals after he fired up a timely three point shot and other members of the bench helped push the Cards into the lead. The Cards stayed fired up throughout the fourth quarter to end the game with an 18

point lead, 68-50.

Thierry Delbart had 25 points and grabbed 14 boards, while Jared Ashbeck scored 15 points with six rebounds and three steals. Marc Orem came off the bench to score eight points and pull down six rebounds.

Ione: McElligott 1 0-0 3, Allen 0 2-5 2, Swanson 4 1-3 10, Orem 4 0-0 8, Bacon 0 1-2 1, Heideman 2 0-0 4, Delbart 11 3-7 25, Ashbeck 6 3-4 15, Morgan. Totals 28 10-21 68.
Condon: Lathrop 3 2-2 11, Selby 4 1-2 9, Wilson 7 1-2 16, Schott 5 0-2 10, Hawk 2 0-0 4, McIntosh 0 0-1 0, McRoberts 0 0-1 0, McElligott, Weiman. Totals 21 4-10 50.

Crushed Rock For Sale



¾" minus
1" minus
3" base rock
Clean Fill Material

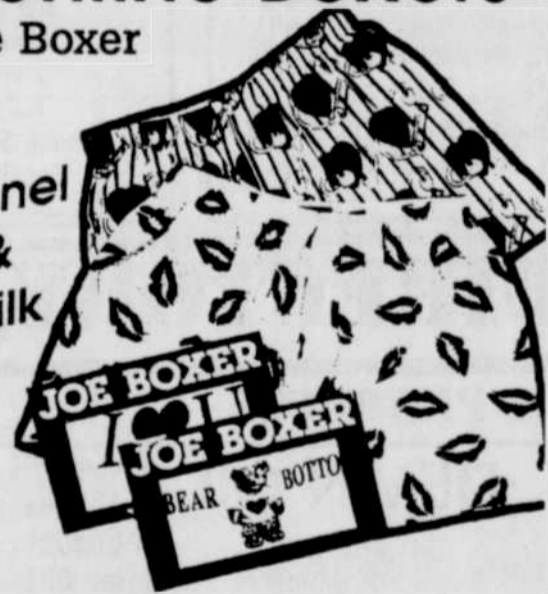
Can be picked up at pit or we will deliver. Pit 6½ miles up from mouth of Lower Rhea Creek, Brenner Canyon. Contact Roger Britt 676-5096

Lip Service
&
Red Hot Lovin

Valentine Boxers

by Joe Boxer

Flannel
&
Silk



Gardner's MEN'S WEAR

193 N. Main St. 676-9218 Heppner

ATTN: KINZUA RESOURCES EMPLOYEES
RE: Prescription Services under PACC insurance
From: Murray Drugs Inc.

The change of insurance to PACC has brought many questions regarding prescription service.

WE ARE ABLE TO FILL YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS as we have in the past. We have claim forms for PACC and will help you fill them out. PACC does not have a contract with us for the \$5 copayment system. Therefore, you will need to pay for the prescription, then they will reimburse you for all but the \$5 copay. We were told by the insurance company reimbursement would take about 10-14 days.

We have chosen not to participate in the \$5 copayment system because we do not believe in giving an insurance company "preferred prices" over our other customers, or cost-shifting other prescriptions to subsidize an insurance company.

Thank you,
John & Ann Murray

by all volunteer services. Coaching and referees alike donate their time, talent and expenses. Local caterers donate a portion of their proceeds. The Knights of Columbus donate their efforts at the gates and the Shriners' only reimbursement is the satisfaction of a job well done. The 1994 game received a substantial grant from the Leo Adler Estate. Corporate sponsorship is always welcome.

Tickets may be purchased by contact Gene Orwick, 989-8586.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, chamber manager

Local businesses and chamber members now have the ability to follow what is happening in the Oregon State Legislature thanks to Oregon Chamber Executives. Heppner Chamber is a member of OCE and thus receives regular written reports from the legislature. The House acted quickly on the proposed constitutional amendment that would clearly allow lottery funds to be used for education. HJR 15 passed the House last week on its way to a May 9 statewide vote. Senate is crafting its version with emphasis being placed on Senate President Gordon Smith's Trust Fund for education. OCE also provides a legislative hotline which gives daily legislative updates. Stop by the office for more information.

Chamber is currently working on conference calls with both Representative Lynn Lundquist and Senator Greg Walden. It should be an interesting legislative session.

Salem needs to hear from Morrow County over and over until they fully realize the situation our school district is in. It's just the beginning of a situation many schools are facing and legislators need to know how destructive it can be to small communities and counties. If our students aren't having educational needs met in our county, then we can forget economic development and future growth; not to mention the futures of the next generation.

Next week at chamber: St. Pat's Blitz for the auction. Call your favorite golf course, restaurant, motel, for a donation; offer a special breakfast or dinner for two; bake your specialty; get rid of excess antiques. Be creative. Meet the new Heppner St. Pat's ambassadors. See you there.

Pharmacy & Your Health

Boardman Pharmacy & Hardware

202 1st. N. W. P.O. Box 170
Boardman, Oregon 97818
481-9474 481-7351

New Concerns About Acetaminophen Safety

Acetaminophen is back in the news. In late December there were news reports of health problems linked to acetaminophen (Tylenol), a popular over-the-counter pain and fever medicine. These reports indicated that use of the drug could lead to kidney and liver damage. Media reports were based on a study in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

According to the study conducted at Johns Hopkins University, about 10 percent of serious kidney disease in the United States is caused by acetaminophen that is taken for long periods of time. For example, taking more than one 325 mg tablet of acetaminophen every day for over a year can double a person's risk of kidney failure. The same risk existed if more than 1,000 tablets were taken over several years. Persons who took aspirin did not appear to have this increased risk. A separate research team reported that consumption of high doses of acetaminophen during voluntary or illness-related fasting can cause serious liver damage.

Researchers indicate that these findings do not effect most situations where people take acetaminophen for a few days for a headache, fever, or the flu. This medicine has a long record of safety and can continue to be used safely if proper dosage guidelines are followed.

New Years Eve

Carrie Francine Connor
married

Danny Dean Oglesbee

We request the pleasure of your company to celebrate our wedding reception on Saturday, the eighteenth of February nineteen hundred and ninety-five at two o'clock in the afternoon St. Patrick Parish Hall 525 North Gale, Heppner, Oregon