# Death Takes Leslie Matlock, HEPPNER One of City's Flood Heroes

## "Paul Revere" Title Earned by Famous Ione Rider

Leslie L Matlock, one of Hepner's most famous citizens, died here late Tuesday following an illness of several months. He was

84 years of age. Leslie Matlock because of his often-recounted horseback ride with Bruce Kelley to warn residents of Lexington and Ione of the coming of flood waters at the time of the Heppner flood of June 14, 1903 became one of the most noted residents of Heppner. He lived here practically all of his 84 years, spending but a few years in the early 1900's in Portland as manager of the old Perkins hotel.

Mr Matlock was known to almost every resident of this section of Morrow county and had an extremely wide acquaintenceship throughout the state. At the time of the flood he and Kelley were acclaimed as the Paul Reveres of Heppner and the title stayed with Matlock throughout School Board Accepts his life. Many news stories and Bid for Tile Work magazine articles have been written about the tragedy, one was published in a special Commemoration edition of the Gazette-Times and is republished on page two of today's paper) did nothing that somebody else wouldn't have done."

His family crossed the the upper Butter Creek run. plains to Oregon in 1853 to settle born. They returned to Heppner bus. within a few years to continue sheep and stock operations here. Matlock in his early years ran a sizeable string of horses and Jesse R Dains because of the many miles of because of the many miles of range he had ridden, he had a full browledge of the to- tee will be to study the under. County Bonds Sales dents of the coming flood.

shortly after the flood Matlock officiated. spent the rest of his life as a speculator in stocks and mining. 1910 in Council Grove, Kansas He was a charter member of the and had lived in Heppner about tries. The committee's function Sales in Morrow county, how-Heppner Elks lodge and his a year. He came here from Fordeath leaves only one other est Grove to work as shop forecharter member of the lodge. He man at Fulleton Chevrolet Comhad never married.

Funeral services will be con. veteran. ducted at the Elks Temple Fri-Masonic cemetery.

nie B Vaughan of Portland; two sa, California; five brothers, Balnieces, Edna and LaVelle Flor. chor Jr, San Francisco; Albert ence, and one nephew, Edward Freshwater, Calif; Chester, Santa J Roberts, all of Portland.

der the direction of Creswick que, New Mexico; and one sis. bers from each of the extension Mortuary.

## WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	86	55	_
Friday	91	58	- 200
Saturday	95	57	-
Sunday	89	48	_
Monday	76	45	-
Tuesday	80	49	_
Wednesday	85	52	-
Rainfall	for the	week	none:

for July .06; for the year 10.57 regulations, said Ralph Taylor,



PIONEER CITIZEN, Leslie L Matlock, whose famous ride during the Heppner flood of 1903 has been recounted many times, died Tuesday following on illness of several months. He was 84.

The Heppner school board July of the latest appeared in Coronet
Magazine and was written by
Acoustical Title and Supply Com-Stewart Holbrook, and always he pany for \$916 for the tiling of and Kelley were acclaimed as the ceiling of the lunchroom and the heroes of the flood-an ac- besement hall of the high school claim which Matlock said many building. The board is now calltimes was exaggerated. In his ing for bids on tiling the floors own story of the flood (which of the office, the old science room and another classroom.

In other business an agree ment was signed with Mrs Elaine he made the statement that "we way by the school, and a new George for the use of her driveruling was read that requires bus drivers to secure bus drivers per-Mr Matlock was born Novem- mits and health certificates. Ola ber 5, 1873 at Goshen, near Eu- Jones has resigned as driver on

Superintendent Joe Stewart at Pleasant Hill in the Eugene will attend an administrators area, In 1871 they moved to Mor- meeting in Eugene July 24 and row county then returned to the 25 and he and Mrs Stewart and Willamette Valley for a short Linda will leave July 29 for Ohio time during which Leslie was to take delivery on a new school

## Heart Attack Claims

full knowledge of the terrain ov- day (Thursday) at 2 o'clock at ground water supply and related Register Big D er which he and Kelley rode to Creswick Mortuary for Jesse R problems, flood control, polution advise Lexington and Ione resi- Dains, 48, who died suddenly abatement in county streams July 15 at his home from a heart and development of water sup-After disposing of his horses attack. The Rev Charles Knox plies. Weatherford said the countailed \$18,627,368 as compared

Mr Dains was born January 10, pany. He was a World War II names of persons who would with \$159,523 a year ago. Dur-

day afternoon at 2 o'clock and Ida; two sons, Jesse R Jr, and to appoint residents from all year. burial will be in the Heppner Andy Jim Perkins of Heppner; his mother and father. Mr and Surviving are one sister, Min. Mrs Balchor Dains of Santa Ro-Rosa,; Jerry of Nevada; a half Funeral arrangements are un. brother, Jack Bellas, Albuquer will be set up when two memter, Ruby Bacon of Santa Rosa, units in Morrow county will

## HUNTERS AND ANGLERS

TO HOLD MEETING The Morrow County Hunters and Anglers will meet Friday at 8 pm at the court house. Primary purpose of the meeting will be to discuss tentative hunting president.



RECEIVES SPECIAL AWARD-P W Mahoney, Heppner attorney, left, is shown receiving a special award of appreciation for serving continuously for 15 years as government appeal agent for the selective service board. He accepted the position in 1943 and son and daughter of Ho- ited with its base wheat acreage and has served continuously. The award was presented at Mon- quiam, Washington visited over- for the year in determining fuday's chamber of commerce meeting by Heppner mayor W C night Sunday with Mr and Mrs ture allotments. But if he later

## Support Asked For Water Resources Committee Work

William W Weatherford, newly appointed chairman of the Morrow county basin water reserves miles east of Heppner on the committee, told the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday of the great amount of work that is needed in water resources development he fell out onto the highway. and the advantages that can be gained from such work.

Weatherford said that greater committee to be able to do a satisfactory job. He recounted how surveys had been made in the past for a flood control and irrigation dam on Willow Creek, but apparent lack of local interest stopped any further development of the plans. He pointed out the great recreation advanaddition to other values.

the necessities to attract indus- Jack Bedford has announced. the water problem.

Weatherford also asked for communities on the comittees.

### **Extension Unit** Planners to Meet

Plans for the new club year Burial will be in Willamette meet at Lexington Grange hall National cemetery in Portland at 10:30 am on Wednesday, July with Creswick Mortuary in 23.

On hand to assist with the planning will be Miss Betty Jane Sedgwick, state extension agent from Oregon State college; Nels Anderson, county extension agent, and Miss Esther Kirmis, newly appointed Morrow county home extension agent.

County committee members will also be on hand to assist. Each woman will bring her own sack lunch. Coffee will be

furnished.

## Adults Due For Swimming Instruction

Adult intermediate swimming ing at 6 o'clock at the Heppner Mrs Tom Hughes, instructor.

The classes will last for three weeks and will be held each night Monday through Friday. man declared, farmers who ex-Registration for the series is to ceed their farm's wheat acreage be made at the pool Saturday or

adult interemdiate classes, an- ments. other adult beginners class will be given, it was announced.

(GT Photo) C A Ruggles.

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# Two in Hospital From Additional **One-Car Accidents**

Two more one-car accidents over the weekend put two persons in Pioneer Memorial hospital and slightly injured a third. Most seriously injured were Mrs Pat Doherty and her four and one-half year old daughter, Shannon Marie when Mrs Doherty's car went off the Hermiston-Lexington highway near Sand Hollow early Monday morning and overturned. Mrs Doherty suffered an acromio-clavicular separation of the right shoulder. and multiple bruises. Her daughter is recovering from a skull fracture, fracture of the lower jaw and lacerations of the chin.

Mrs Doherty and two children, Shannon and Barry were returning from Hermiston about 2:30 Monday morning and apparently July 1. she went to sleep while driving. The little boy was asleep in the back seat and escaped injury. The family remained in the badly wrecked car until nearly 4:30 before being found by a passing truck driver and given help. Both are still in the hospital but are recovering satisfactorily.

In an unusual accident early Saturday evening about three Willow creek road, Dale William Grey of Heppner suffered only minor injuries when the driver's door of his car came open and doctor was unable to aid him. road for several hundred feet before rolling over. Grey suffered His 1953 Oldsmobile was nearly a total wreck.

The addition of the two latest accidents brings to four the num-ber of single-car accidents to oca month and nearly all have

State savings bonds sales for the first six months of 1958 toty has the power, transportation with \$18,686,104 for the same perfacilities and water which are iod a year ago, county chairman

will be to develop all phases of ever, have taken a big drop during the same period with \$11, 590 sold this year as compared serve on the various sub com- ing June county sales amounted He is survived by his wife, mittees, stating that he plans to only \$4,200 against \$15,000 last

## COUNTY PICNIC SET

The annual Morrow county picnic will be held at Laurel-Ankeny, Portland on Sunday, association. August 3.

## EXAMINER COMING-

A drivers license examiner will 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

### Mrs Ted Smith Is **Elected President** Of Library Board

Mrs Ted Smith was elected president of the Heppner library board at a meeting Tuesday evening at the library.

Other officers elected were Mrs Cornett Green, vice president; Harry Tamblyn, secretary-treasurer; Mrs Blanche Brown, librarian and trustees, J O Turner, 3 year term; Mrs Harry Dinges, 2 year term and Mrs Harold Becket 1 year term.

Mrs Brown, librarian, reported that for the year ending July 1, 1958 there had been a total of 3572 adult books and 3668 juvenile books checked out of the library. For the year 1956-57 there was a total of 5793 books in circulation and for the year 1957-58 a total of 7240 which shows a total increased circulation of 1447 books for this year.

Also reported was a total of 225 new books added to the library during the year ending

# Sudden Attack Claims Henry Rauch

Henry Rauch, 66, well known Heppner resident, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon from a heart attack. He was playing cards in Bucknum's Tavern when stricken and though a physician was summoned immediately, the

Mr Rauch was born March 9, The car continued on down the 1892 in Germany and came to America when he was 16 years of age. He had been a resident public support is needed for the committee to be able to do a over by the rear wheel of the a member of Hope Lutheran a member of Hope Lutheran car, and bruises and scratches. church, the Heppner Elks lodge and American Legion post 87. He was a World War I veteran.

Surviving are his wife Natalie of Heppner; one son Henry Jr of Lexington; three daughters, cur near Heppner in less than Edna Fetsch and May Hartman, both of Heppner; and Faye tages from such a reservoir, in pants. brothers, Fred of Lexington, Julian of Hermiston, and Adolph, West Germany; four sisters, Altonburg, both of Germany; Eli. princess dance to be held Saturnor Hermann, Ione; and Ottilia day at the fair pavilion in Hep-Hunt, Heppner. He also leaves 12 pner. grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday, July 19 at 2 o'clock at Hope Lutheran church with the Rev John will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Creswick Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

## ATTEND WATER MEET

and Mr and Mrs Garnet Barratt of America and the pep club. were in Gearhart early this week

cisco and Oakland, California.

July 29 at the court house from where they had been to attend ing. the furniture market.

# Saturday Dance To

Adelgunde Hennig and Erwine royal court to be honored at a John 21, Eddie 20, and Dan 14.

provided by Johnny K's orches-The dark haired princess is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Jerry Brosnan of Lena and was a June graduate of Heppner high school where she was chosen valedict- Sputnik's Flight Rydgren officiating. Interment orian of her class. She was very active in school functions having served as president of the Future Homemakers of America; president of the National Honor Society; treasurer of the student body; president of the Girls' Athletic Association; was a member and Wednesday evenings and at-County judge Oscar Peterson of the Future Business Leaders

Princess Joann was a district to attend a directors meeting of winner of the IOOF sponsored hurst park Northeast 39th and the Inland Empire Waterways United Nations Youth Pilgrimage; winner of a \$200 Elks most valuable student scholarship, Mr and Mrs Harry O'Donnell, and was named the Betty Crock-Jr are vacationing in San Fran- er Homemaker of Tomorrow for isco and Oakland, California. Heppner high school. She is an Mr and Mrs Allen Case re-eight-year 4-H club member be on duty in Heppner Tuesday, turned Wednesday from Seattle specializing in sewing and cook-

The 5 foot, 4 inch princess, who weighs a slight 110 pounds, is a member of the Wranglers riding club and she lists horseback riding, sewing, cooking and swimming as her favorite hob- Safety Recognition bies. Her plans for the future 1959 farm wheat acreage allot- ta penalty became due, his farm call for enrollment this fall at ments will receive credit for the would be considered "not in com- Oregon State college where she



## Honor Princess Joann Morrow county fair and rodeo | pner and has lived all her life princess Joann Brosnan will be on the family ranch on Butter the first member of the 1958 creek. She has three brothers,

tra, popular dance band from Watched by Many The nose cone that helped fire Russia's Sputnik III into its orbit around the earth put on a

good display for a great many

local residents Monday, Tuesday

being sponsored by the rodeo

dance committee. Music will be

tracted many persons to points of vantage on nearby hilltops. The swiftly-moving flashing light appeared in the Western sky between 8:30 and 9 o'clock and was clearly visible as it rolled in the sky and flashed at three-to-four second intervals as the sun reflected from its sur-

It may again be visible Thursday night, but it will be very close to the horizon and will be traveling from southwest to

# PP&L Crews Receive

Employees of Pacific Power & Light Company have achieved a safety-at-work record during the first six months of 1958 which further reduces an injury frequency rate that recently won national recognition, it was reported Wednesday by the company's district manager.

The company-wide record for the past year was awarded an "Injury Frequency Reduction Award" by the Edison Electric Institute, a national trade association of the electric service industry. The citation noted a reduction of time-loss injuries to a low of 2.27 for each million man-hours of time worked, the manager reported, a drop of 84.6 percent below the average for the preceding three-year period.

PP&L's local employees have been notified by Fons J Hughes, safety director of the company, that their continued safety efforts have helped reduce the system-wide rate during the six

Mr and Mrs Nels Anderson and (GT Photo) tion at the coast.

## CREDIT FOR DIVERTED ACRES DUE WITH ALLOTMENT COMPLIANCE

acreage diverted from wheat pro-duction this year in establishing future wheat acreage allotments. Will major in business. The princess was born in Hepfuture wheat allotments, B J Doherty, chairman of the county An officer's training meeting Agricultural Stabilization and will be held sometime in Aug- Conservation Committee, pointed

He explained that legislation enacted in recent years provides that a farm's "base acreage" shall be used as the wheat acreage history for 1959 and future classes will start Monday even his wheat acreage allotment. The pool, it was announced today by ment plus the acreage considered diverted from wheat for the year.

On the other hand, the chair allotment in 1959 will be credited only with the allotment in the Following completion of the determination of future allot

If such a farmer arranged to store the excess wheat or deliver it to the secretary of agriculture, Mr and Mrs Richard Barnes however, his farm would be credused or marketed any of the ex-

Farmers who comply with their cess wheat and a marketing quo-

SPECIAL FAIR AND RODEO TIES are now on sale at many Heppner stores and are being used by the merchants committee of months ending June 30 to only the chamber of commerce to advertise the annual event. Here two 1.56 injuries per million manmembers of the committee, Keith Imus, left, and Phil Blakney, hours worked. pass a dollar bill for one of the necessary pieces of western decoration that will be used as the official insignia of the properly dressed resident. Profits from the sale will go into the family left Monday for a vacaspecial field lighting fund.