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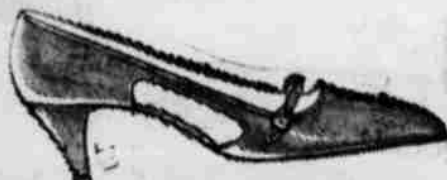


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## Officer Pat Quits After Long Duty

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Heppner in 1929 to Elsie Owen, and they have four children—three sons and a daughter.

Their sons have pretty much followed in the father's footsteps, all being in uniform. Bob, who has three sons, is serving with the Air Force in Germany, and his family is with him. John served in the military police service in Virginia and is now night officer on the Heppner police force. Larry is a policeman in San Francisco.

The daughter, Mary, is Mrs. Don McClure, wife of Heppner High track coach. John has two children, Mary has four and Larry three, making 12 grandchildren in Pat's family.

Officer Pat started working for the city in 1940 as a patrolman under Chief Albert Schunk. In 1942 he went to the county to work as a deputy under Sheriff John Fulten. At that time Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman was on leave from the office for a hitch in the Seabees. Fulten is now a minister and lives in Coos Bay.

Pat came back to the city in 1945 and worked for a time in the water department. About four years later he returned to the city police force and became chief about 1949. After five years in this capacity, he chose to step down to the post of relief

man, which he has held since.

During the 25 years as an officer, the big Irishman has had many experiences of interest but, with a twinkle in his eye, said that he prefers not to talk about them.

"Yes, I've always gotten along good with the kids here," said Pat. "They're a nice bunch of youngsters. The worst they do is violate traffic laws."

When Pat was born in Ireland, his given name was merely "Patrick," without a middle initial. But when he was initiated into the Elks lodge here 45 years ago, the fraternal order provided him with the middle initial "A" in order to keep him separate from two other Pat Mollahans in the lodge, now both deceased. The initial has stuck but no name goes with it.

There have been quite a few changes through the years, and some differences in the people. For instance, there is much less drunkenness than there used to be, Pat says.

With his experience and level-headedness Mollahan has been valuable on the police department for his counsel and advice.

"Whenever we have had a serious problem, we could always sit down and talk it over with Pat," said Chief Gilman. "We knew that he would give us

Morrow County

**CROP-WEATHER SUMMARY**

(For week ending April 2)

Soil moisture supply adequate. Spring seeding completed in most cases. Some late areas and fields on borderline left. Moisture from snow of last week, with warmer days and nights above freezing, have resulted in crops making some growth this week. Spring wheat and barley are 90 per cent seeded but spring oats have not yet been seeded. Calving and lambing 90 per cent complete. Hay supplies adequate in county but some operators buying. Some cattle out on range—no hay left, no money to buy. Spring has been slow coming; however, things are looking better. Farmers are behind in spring work due to extra work brought about by repairing flood runoff damage.

some good and sound advice."

During the time Officer Mollahan has served under Gilman, there has never been a cross word between the chief and Officer Mollahan.

"He is just one of the very finest," said Dean. "After Pat was born, I think they broke the mould."

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