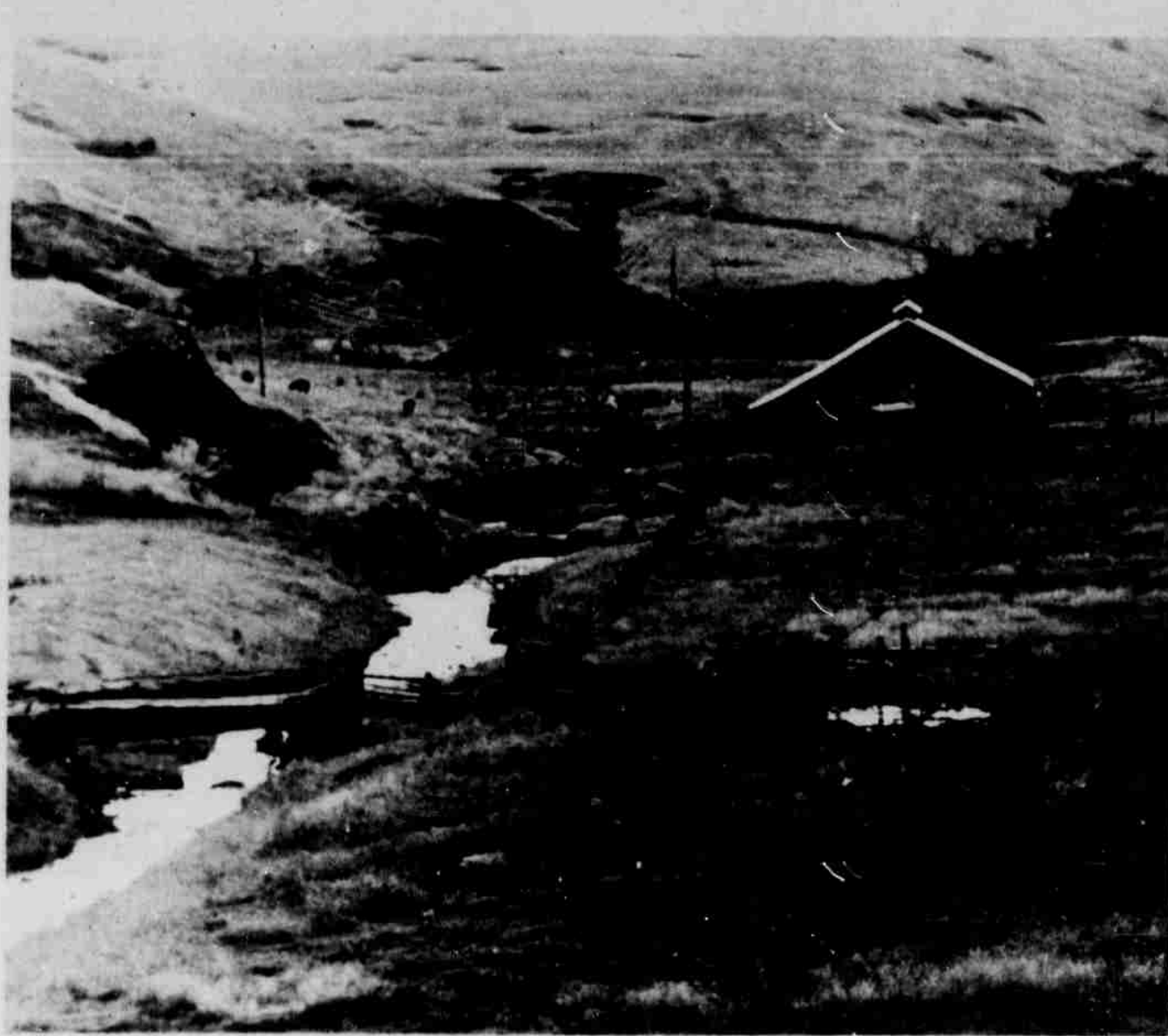




The waters of Willow Creek, meandering through this valley, makes a peaceful setting at dusk.

Doctor search continues

The search for another doctor for Heppner continues. Members of the doctor and hospital committee met at the courthouse July 17 to hear progress reports from Hospital Administrator Ilene Wyman and Morrow County Judge Paul Jones.

Jones reported that a doctor recruiter and a representative of the Seventh-day Adventist Foundation in Portland met with the county court and were taken on a tour of the hospital, July 16. Jones told the committee, "We contacted the Seventh-day Adventist Foundation in hope of obtaining assistance in getting a doctor to settle here. I feel we will receive this assistance, though they have some investigating to do first."

The foundation operates hospitals in Oregon, and in particular leases a county-owned hospital in Tillamook. The county court was told by

the two representatives that the foundation would not consider leasing Pioneer Memorial Hospital unless the citizens of the county made a specific request to the foundation for such consideration. Only after such an invitation would foundation personnel make a comprehensive feasibility study of the area served by the hospital to determine the advisability of leasing the hospital in Heppner.

Representatives of the National Health Service Corps and Oregon State Medical Board will meet Thursday morning with Judge Jones, Mrs. Wyman, local doctors, hospital board and members of the committee. Judge Andrew Leckie of Wheeler County and Gilliam County Judge James Burns have been invited to the meeting. The corps assigns doctors to areas in "critical" need. Purpose of

the meeting is to determine if Heppner qualifies for this program.

Mrs. Wyman reported to the committee that she has been in contact with two doctors who are interested in coming to Heppner and hoped to be in contact with a third soon. She thought she would have answers from these men within the next 10 days. Dr. Don Blanchard, who was to have visited Heppner earlier in July, telephoned Mrs. Wyman to tell her that he had received a year's fellowship, but would be interested in Heppner at the end of the year of study.

Committee members discussed the idea of subsidizing student in medical school. The plan discussed was for the community to loan a student the \$10,000 needed for two years of schooling with the condition that if that student would practice in Heppner, a certain percentage would be

subtracted from the total to be paid back to the community. As the loan was repaid that money would be placed in a fund to be used to subsidize another medical student. Thus, as doctors moved away from the community, new ones would be available to succeed them.

Hospital board and committee members would like to know the opinions of the public concerning the matters put to them and discussed. Hospital board members are Harriet Evans, chairman; John Pfeiffer, Hazel Mahoney, Leroy Gardner and Nona Sowell. Working with the committee are Dr. Wallace Wolff, Dr. L.D. Tibbles, Mrs. Wyman and Jones. Other members of the committee are Liz Curtis, Jim Bier, Don Cole, Mark Murray, Ada Shiffer, Pat Wright, Orville Cutsforth and Nonda Sunday.

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Election is July 29

New city charter need explained

The revised city charter which Heppner voters will be asked to decide in an election July 29 was explained to Chamber of Commerce members Monday by City Attorney Robert Abrams.

The proposed charter is based on a model charter used by the League of Oregon Cities," Abrams said. The present charter has been in effect since 1918. Its contents are explicit and detailed. However, laws enacted by successive legislatures and rulings made by the courts have nullified many of the provisions of the present charter. Courts, Abrams pointed out, have consistently upheld that lengthy and detailed contents are no longer required in city charters.

"According to the present charter, many of the council's actions could be questioned in a court of law," Abrams said.

"We are simply trying to legalize the council actions now and in the future."

Some of the outmoded features of the present charter have been pointed out in the Gazette-Times on several occasions recently, one of which is the listing of a laundry as an "offensive occupation." Another regulates the driving of horses and cattle through the city.

The proposed charter would allow the council the power of control through motions rather than by ordinances. This would give the council power to act and to react to changes and conditions as they appear.

Abrams emphasized that while the present charter is outdated, its revision has nothing to do with city ordinances already enacted. All existing ordinances will stand and be enforced. Adoption of the new charter

will not affect city ordinances. "We are not throwing out everything that is old for the sake of adding everything new," Abrams said.

Copies of the proposed revised city charter are available at the city hall for voters to inspect. Other copies are on display at the post office, Murray's Drug and other business firms in town.

Voting will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. A facsimile ballot is published in this issue of the Gazette-Times.

Randall Peterson invited the public to a meeting on July 30 at the courthouse to help formulate plans for Morrow County's participation in the nation's Bicentennial Celebration.

Robert Lamb of Eastern Oregon Farms is tentatively scheduled to address the Chamber of Commerce at next Monday's meeting.

Rodeo Princess Patricia VanSchoiack

She's top hand on the ranch

When Fair and Rodeo Princess Patricia VanSchoiack says "Come to the fair; see what Morrow County kids can do," she knows what she's talking about. With the Bob VanSchoiack family the Morrow County Fair is a major production.

When Princess Patricia, with nine years of 4-H experience to her credit, leads her steer into the auction ring on the Thursday night of fair week, five other VanSchoiack brothers and sisters will be putting their animals up for sale too. Brothers Bill, 16, and Dan, 14, have a reputation of providing strong competition in the ring, as does their sister, Younger sisters Kathleen, 13, Marie, 12, and Anne, 11, aren't far behind. All are active members of the Gooseberry Livestock Club.

Adding moral support from the sidelines will be Mrs. VanSchoiack, better known as Katie, accompanied by the expert of the bunch, four-year-old brother Mike. Helping to put on the auction will be their father, Bob, who is also superintendent of the swine barn at

the fair.

Wednesday night of fair week Princess Patricia and her sisters will participate in the 4-H style show. Like any good ranch girl, Patricia is as much at home in the house cooking and sewing as she is outdoors with beef and sheep. She has many blue ribbons and awards to attest to her skills. She has also been awarded two trips to 4-H Summer School in past years and for two years has been counselor at 4-H Camp at Cutsforth Park.

Saturday's parade will not be a new experience for the VanSchoiack family, for it has won first place in the "Best Mounted Family Group" in the parade several times in past years. For two years Patricia was a pennant bearer for the court and last year a permanent pennant bearer. When her daughter rides at the head of the parade this year a lot of memories will run through Katie VanSchoiack's mind. She was a member of the 1950 court and queen of the 1952 rodeo.

When Patricia rides out in

the grand entry of the Heppner Rodeo, her father will be busy behind the scenes. Bob is the Wrangler representative on the Rodeo Board. He has been president of the Junior Rodeo the past two years. The entire family belongs to the Wranglers. Patricia rides in barrel racing, steer dozing and goat tying events.

This princess is a very active, all-around ranch girl with a great love for outdoor life, horses and cows. She says she would enjoy living on a ranch just like the one her parents operate on Rock Creek.

The VanSchoiack's run a cow-calf operation which won Bob the honor of Morrow County's 1972 Cattleman of the Year. Because Patricia is the oldest, she rates as "top hand."

For the past three years she has held down the job of head rider for cattle on her father's forest allotment. She hauls her horse 35 miles to the mountains and rides

several times a week. A younger brother or sister usually goes along to help. This fall, although she will be a general studies student at Blue Mountain Community College, she will again take time out to come home and help with the fall round-up.

When Patricia isn't in the mountains, she is running the hay baler (which she really enjoys), moving irrigation pipes, running to town for feed and parts, taking sick animals to the vet or taking the rest of the kids swimming.

When she needs to unwind she saddles up "Charlie" and takes little brother Mike for a long ride, or listens to country western music, reads or bakes up a batch of banana bread.

A 1974 graduate of Heppner High School, Patricia especially active on the annual staff the last two years. Good memories of high school days will include annual staff conferences in Portland and Eugene. Her favorite subjects

were math and business courses, but she found photography exciting. She was a member of the Rodeo Club and Associated Girls and has been on the drill team and a class officer. She is also a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

"Patricia's heart and heritage are in the land," says her mother. Her mother's parents (the late Pat Campbells) arrived from Ireland in 1917 and settled in the Lonerock Valley. About the same time the VanSchoiack family was ranching near Heppner. They had moved to the county from the Willamette Valley.

Come August Princess Patricia VanSchoiack will welcome Morrow County Fair and Rodeo goers from astride her sorrel gelding, "Ivan."

In the meantime, she invites everyone to attend Saturday night's dance and have a good time dancing to the music of the Country Revue from Condon.

Mathew Doherty

Superintendent a native of lone

A native of Morrow County has been named as the new superintendent of the Morrow County Schools.

Mathew Doherty, a 1945 graduate of Lone High School and currently assistant superintendent of the Hermiston Public Schools, was officially hired to the Morrow County position at a special meeting of the school board in Hermiston Monday night.

Doherty has 22 years' experience in the field of education. He graduated from Eastern Oregon College after which he taught high school science and did some coaching at Elgin for four years. He holds both

elementary and secondary education degrees.

After returning to Elgin, Doherty attended to EOC to earn his masters degree in elementary school administration. For the next 15 years he was an elementary school principal in the Hermiston school district, during which time he received his superintendent's credentials from the University of Oregon.

Doherty was then promoted to administrative assistant of the Hermiston Public Schools and later to the position he currently holds. His primary areas of interest in that position have been curriculum development, special pro-

grams, attendance, transportation and cafeteria.

Doherty and his wife, Doris, have three children, Kathy, 19, Susan, 17, and Steve, 16. His wife is a special reading teacher in the Hermiston School District.

Doherty was active in sports as a student at Lone High School. He has continued his interest in sports, and is an avid sportsman. He terms himself an "old car bug" with several as yet unrestored cars in his possession.

The Dohertys hope to locate somewhere in the north end of Morrow County. He will begin his duties in the Lexington Office Aug. 1.

Market plans okayed

Del Piper, Lexington, was granted a zone change for a three-acre parcel of land 1,500 feet from the city limits of Heppner for construction of a supermarket at a meeting of the Morrow County Planning Commission Monday night.

The site of the proposed supermarket is on Highway 74.

The zone change was from farm residential to commercial, and approved after Piper presented detailed plans for the project, including ingress and egress from the highway.

Harold S. Hadley, Irrigon, requested a conditional use permit to construct a 15-pad trailer park for rental only. It would be constructed near the existing trailer park which now contains nine pads. The permit would change the zoning from farm residential to a mobile home park. It was postponed until Aug. 26 when Hadley will present plans showing the required setbacks and off-street parking requirements of the commission. Hadley had failed to bring the plans to the meeting.

Girl, 4, dies in crash

Alisa Louise Halvorsen, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Halvorsen of Hermiston, was fatally injured in an automobile accident Friday evening at 6:45 o'clock on Westland Road, Hermiston, three-quarters of a mile west of the city.

She was the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Farley of Heppner.

Arrested at the scene of the two-car accident was Ira Andrew Nelson, 35, of Hermiston. He was charged with manslaughter and driving under the influence of liquor.

Driver of the car in which the girl was killed was her father, Mark. The mother, Mrs. Tricia Ann Halvorsen, and another daughter, Angie, 2, were in the vehicle at the time of the crash, but they escaped serious injury.

Alisa was born April 5, 1970 in LaGrande, Ore.

Memorial services were held July 22 at 11 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church in Heppner, with interment following at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Halvorsen; a sister, Angie Lynn; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Farley; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen.

Donations may be made to a memorial scholarship fund in Alisa's memory at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

In Heppner for the services were Mrs. Norman Hoxsey, Gresham; Mrs. Hershel

Townsend and Mrs. Jim Wiegand, Portland; Mrs. Alyce Rea, San Francisco; Susan Lindstrom, San Mateo, Ca.; Joe Halvorsen, from National Guard duty; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree, Cecil; Mrs. Carolyn McCabe and son Jim of Moscow, Idaho; Mrs. William Gelin and daughter, Alisa, of Caldwell, Idaho; and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Crabtree of Tacoma, Wa. Here Saturday night were Mrs. Janet Balse and son, Scott, from Anchorage, Alaska.

Postal patrons increase

The postal service has had a good growth in the Heppner-Lexington area, according to Postmaster Hubert Wilson.

Rented boxes in the post office at Heppner a year ago numbered 554 as compared to 607 today; patrons receiving mail on Star Route a year ago, 131, today, 200; boxes rented at Lexington rural station a year ago, 90, today, 115; patrons receiving mail on the route out of Lexington a year ago, 40, today 47; Heppner post office has 35 families receiving mail in general delivery, Lexington has 10.

Wilson said a few boxes are still for rent at Heppner and Lexington offices.



Charlie Horse, 4-year-old Mike and his sister, Patricia VanSchoiack, getting ready for the day's chores.



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