Councilman Bob Fenner said he

had received 21 calls since the

mayor's order was aired, by resi-

dents of the city who did not want

to move their clocks again. Fenner,

who made the motion to leave the

time as it is, said he felt "nothing

should be done about the time until

the Transportation Department

handed down some sort of ruling."

tioned whether federal offices

would be observing a different time

than city employees if the time is not

changed. Whalen excused himself

at the meeting and made a call to

Postmaster Dale Rauscher to ask

what time the post office will ob-

serve. Whalen reported that

Rauscher said the post office will

utilize the prevailing time in the

Also brought up at the meeting

County Commissioner Kuhrt

'I think it would be a good idea

said he would be in favor of such an

to let the people decide what time

they want," he said. Commissioner

many opinions voiced. And the end

result was approval of a motion to

let the time in the city and county

remain as it was, eliminating the

There is no evidence that the idea

of the referendum on the time issue

was followed through with, at least

not in the spring of 1968, and it was

such a non issue by then that there

was no mention of changing time at

all in the first six months of the year.

Standard Time in October 1968, ac-

cording to the stories in *The Daily*

News, but that was not the end of the

time question. It came up again in

the spring of 1989, when a straw poll

was conducted which came out in

The county reverted to Mountain

necessity of changing the clock.

A lot of questions were asked and

community.

election

Rhoads agreed.

Councilman Ed Carleton ques-

Time changed back and forth in 1967 Only the cat knows; she's not talkin' TIME, from Page 1 city clocks to remain on exactly the same time until further notice."

state must observe Mountain time effective yesterday (Saturday)," Dreiling wrote.

"Bill Rhoads, chairman of the Sherman County commissioners, said early Saturday, in a conversation with *The News*, that he would advise residents 'not to fool with their clocks.' Rhoads said this is his own opinion. He said that on April 30, when the rest of the state turns their clocks to conform with Daylight Saving Time, this area will take up Mountain Daylight Saving Time, which, in essence, means leaving the clock where it is now is, leaving those counties in other parts of the state one hour behind the time in Sherman County."

Problem in Kansas

As the date for the time change moved closer, The Daily News reported that a joint resolution had been introduced in the Kansas Senate requesting that the eastern limit of Mountain Standard Time be set at the Kansas-Colorado border.

It suggested a line should be drawn that would be more convenient "for the junction points and division points of common carriers engaged in interstate commerce."

"It would be more convenient for commerce within the state of Kansas if the entire state was within the same time zone," the resolution said, suggesting the Colorado line as the eastern boundary of Mountain Time

High court decision

The long-awaited decision by the Kansas Supreme Court indeed was handed down on April 8.

The court said, in essence, that there was nothing wrong with the City of Goodland and Sherman County placing city and county offices on Central Standard Time, upholding the District Court's decision.

Plaintiffs in the case said the city and county tried to establish the legal time for the county in the resolution passed in 1965.

But the city and county said they were setting the time for office hours and workers in the offices.

The plaintiffs argued the resolution reverting to Central Time was in violation of the time act of 1918 and the Uniform Time Act of 1966, which required all states to revert to their original time.

The court, however, did not rule on that question. Instead, it said: "The only question is to determine whether or not the adoption of the resolution was a lawful exercise of the powers of the two governing bodies."

The high court said: "We believe such authority is also within the central fold, leaving only Hamilton Standard Time. scope of the broad powers delegated to the cities to enact ordinances." resolution was within the scope of the lawful authority of the bodies and not in conflict with any state or federal law." Waiting for official word With time running out, and the

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As the national changeover to Daylight Saving Time can be no time differences in a state." The article was approached in March 1967, Goodland Daily News Editor Tom Dreiling wrote that no one knew what was going to happen to the time in Sherman County on April

No one knows but the cat. And, unfortunately, the cat can't talk. So, as of this writing, we are unable to tell our readers just what time it will be in this part of the state come April 30, the date set by Congress for changing, retaining, or breaking the clock.

This writer spent the better part of a day on the phone chatting with an aide to Attorney General Bob Londerholm and ... United Press International to learn what action will be taken, clockwise, in those areas which were formerly on Mountain Time when the time zones were set down by Congress in years gone by, and since then adopted Central Standard Time.

The only answer we got from anyone was "we don't know."

According to a dispatch from the Dallas Bureau of United Press International, "the federal bill says there

end of April approaching the citi- after the story from Washington, should have been consulted on the missioners.

On April 26, The Daily News reported, "In what has been a longawaited decision the Sherman Kansas border be the mountain-County commissioners ruled today that until further notice the county time will remain the same.

"Interpretation of this ruling will be that Sherman County time will remain as Central Standard Time are supposed to be in. until 2 a.m. on Sunday when the time will be changed in word only to Mountain Daylight Time.

"This change of terms does not constitute a change in the clocks. At 2 a.m. Sunday when the change mas counties had gone to mountain goes into effect it will still be 2 a.m., but will be called Mountain Daylight Time."

With the Sherman County decision made the questioned turned to what was going to happen in the surrounding counties, and On April 28, *The News* staff took a poll of county clerks in a nine-county area to see what those counties would do with their clocks on Sunday morn-

ing Washington finally sets it straight

A couple of days after the time which had been observing Mounswitch, the Department of Transportation issued a statement which months, was now on Central Stansaid time would be observed in dard Time. Those 100 Kansas counwestern Kansas "on the basis of custom prior to the inauguration of Daylight Saving Time last Sunday."

This meant that if central time had been observed, even though the now be used.

all of western Kansas back into the and half of Kearny County in mountain time.

referring to areas of Texas and Kansas which have some sections on Mountain Time. We read this short paragraph to the aide of the attorney general and the implication was that it is wrong

and that in effect, the bill reads a little differently. So, we decided to pop still another question. "When

will a decision on the time controversy be made?" The answer we got was "that the decision would

probably be held up pending a ruling from the Kansas Supreme Court on the Sherman County time issue." Our next question was: "When is a ruling from the

state's high court expected?"

The aide to the attorney general said it will be around April 8.

Today we are on Central Standard Time. April 30th might find us on Daylight Saving Time. Then again, it might be Mountain Daylight Saving Time. Then again by that time it might just be another time.

No one knows but the cat. She's sitting here smiling. Too bad the cat can't talk.

zens of Sherman County waited for and within two more days, the official action from the county com- mountain counties were Sherman, Wallace, Greeley, Hamilton and the west half of Kearny.

Many advocated the Coloradocentral boundary, ending the confusion in western Kansas schools, offices, county officials many others are confused virtually one day or hour to the next as to what zone they

Some county officials said they were "sitting tight" on mountain time until they get official word from Washington.

Neighboring Cheyenne and Thotime, but were reported on central when the story was released.

October time change brings new controversy

Clocks won't be changed

A one-hour and five-minute meeting in the City Council chambers Friday night resulted in ordering city employees to leave their clocks alone as the change from Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time was made, The News reported on Oct. 29, 1967 ..

This meant Sherman County, tain Daylight Time the past several ties which had been observing Daylight Time moved their clocks back one hour at 2 a.m., putting them back on Central Standard Time.

The special meeting was sparked affected area were officially in by an order issued late Thursday by mountain time, central time would Mayor Sparks that all city employees would move their clocks back This apparently brought virtually one hour Sunday morning and begin working Monday on Mountain The council, or members of the council, felt the mayor acted with-The 1966 Uniform Time Act out authority in issuing the order. It It continued by saying: "The headed the more than 20 counties was pointed out at the meeting that back toward mountain time. At one the mayor is the administrative oftime at the end of April 1967, as ficer of the city, and does not need many as 15 of the counties said they council approval to tell city employees when to come to work. Several councilmen felt they

was the possibility of a referendum election, the next spring to see just matter, which was the reason bewhat time the people of the county hind the meeting. wish to observe.

Attending the meeting besides Mayor Sparks, councilmen Bob Fenner, Jim Riley, Hap Carroll, Max Carman and Ed Carelton, were County Commissioners Bill Rhoads and Paul Kuhrt, in addition to attorneys Pete Whalen and Tom Oglevie and reporters.

Quite a discussion ensued. It was stressed that the time act, as it reads. applies only to those coming under Interstate Commerce rules and federal employees. It does not bind any city or county governing body. But, others argued, after the Department of Transportation finally makes a decision on the matter, "it might be advisable for the cities and counties to consider that decision in setting their time policy.'

In was further brought out at the meeting that Sherman County commissioners approved a resolution that spring asking county employees not to change their time "until further notice." It was this resolution that apparently ignited the city motion to ask "city employees and

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If anyone has any information concerning the whereabouts of either of these Matronly Maids of Mayhem, please call, 111-555-Scathed.

were going on mountain time.

The number then dropped to nine

and 30.

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