

HEPPNER MOONLIGHT SALE FRIDAY

**Merchants open
from 7-9 p.m. with
loads of bargains**

Heppner merchants are gearing up for their annual Moonlight Madness Sale scheduled for Friday night from 7 to 9 p.m.

Merchants Committee Chairman Randall Peterson said stores will close at their regular times and open again for the special two-hour sale at 7 p.m.

Participating in the sale are Cole's House of Fashion, the Lebusch Shoppe, Kroll's Department Store, The Shoe Box, Judy's Fabrics and Macrame, Peterson's Jewelers, Murray's Drugs, Gardner's Men's Wear, Coast-to-Coast and Case Furniture.

City budget vote is Tuesday, May 2

Heppner residents will be asked to approve a \$38,689 special levy next Tuesday, May 2. The City Hall polling place will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The special levy monies will be used to balance the city budget for 1978-79 which calls for a stronger city utility crew for maintenance and operation of city services. Funding of the swim pool and library are also included.

Frank Anderson on port commission

Frank Anderson, Heppner, has been selected to fill a vacancy on the Port of Morrow Commission left by the resignation of long-time Port member Oscar Peterson last month.

Anderson will serve one year of Peterson's remaining term before coming up for election in the 1979 general election.

A third generation resident of Morrow County, Anderson lives with his wife Kathleen on their wheat and cattle ranch near Ruggs. He said he is looking forward to working with the other Port Commissioners and called the Port organization a "positive part of Morrow County".

Heppner planners meet next Tuesday

The Heppner Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, May 2, at 8 p.m. in the City Hall. The following items will be considered:

—A variance permit for setback requirements to build a carport on the property at 520 W. Morgan. Applicant is Merritt Gray.

—An application for a zone change from Industrial (M) to Central Commercial (CC) for Tax Lot 1400 Block 2 Lot 2 Mt. Vernon Addition. This is immediately north of Pettyjohn's Farm & Builders Supply, Inc. on the Heppner Lexington Highway. To be divided and sold for retail businesses. Applicants are Jo & Howard Pettyjohn.

—A variance for lot size and a Conditional Use permit to place a mobile home on the property at 339 W. Linden Way. Lot is approximately 6500 sq. ft. instead of required 7000. Applicant is James R. Rollis.

Ione schools have concert set tonight

The public is invited to attend tonight's (Thursday) annual Spring Concert of the bands and chorus of Ione schools.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Ione High School cafeteria and there is no admission charge.

Included will be a variety of selections performed by the grade school band, junior high band, high school band and high school chorus. All of the groups are under the direction of George Russell.

Community Art Show coming to Heppner

Artists and craftsmen of all ages are invited to participate in a School and Community Art Show Friday, May 12, 7-9 p.m., in the multipurpose room at Heppner Elementary School.

Ribbons awards and gift certificates will be presented in several categories including painting, sculpture, ceramics, crafts and printmaking. Entries will be judged on overall quality and not on the age of the artist.

Artwork and crafts can be dropped off at the grade school office between Thursday, May 4, and Monday, May 8, and picked up Monday, May 22.

Each person is limited to two entries, which should include name, address and phone number.

Gift certificates for the competition are being offered by Murrays Drug and Coast-to-Coast.

Ron Ferrar, an organizer of the art show, urges all artists and craftsmen in the community to participate in the event.

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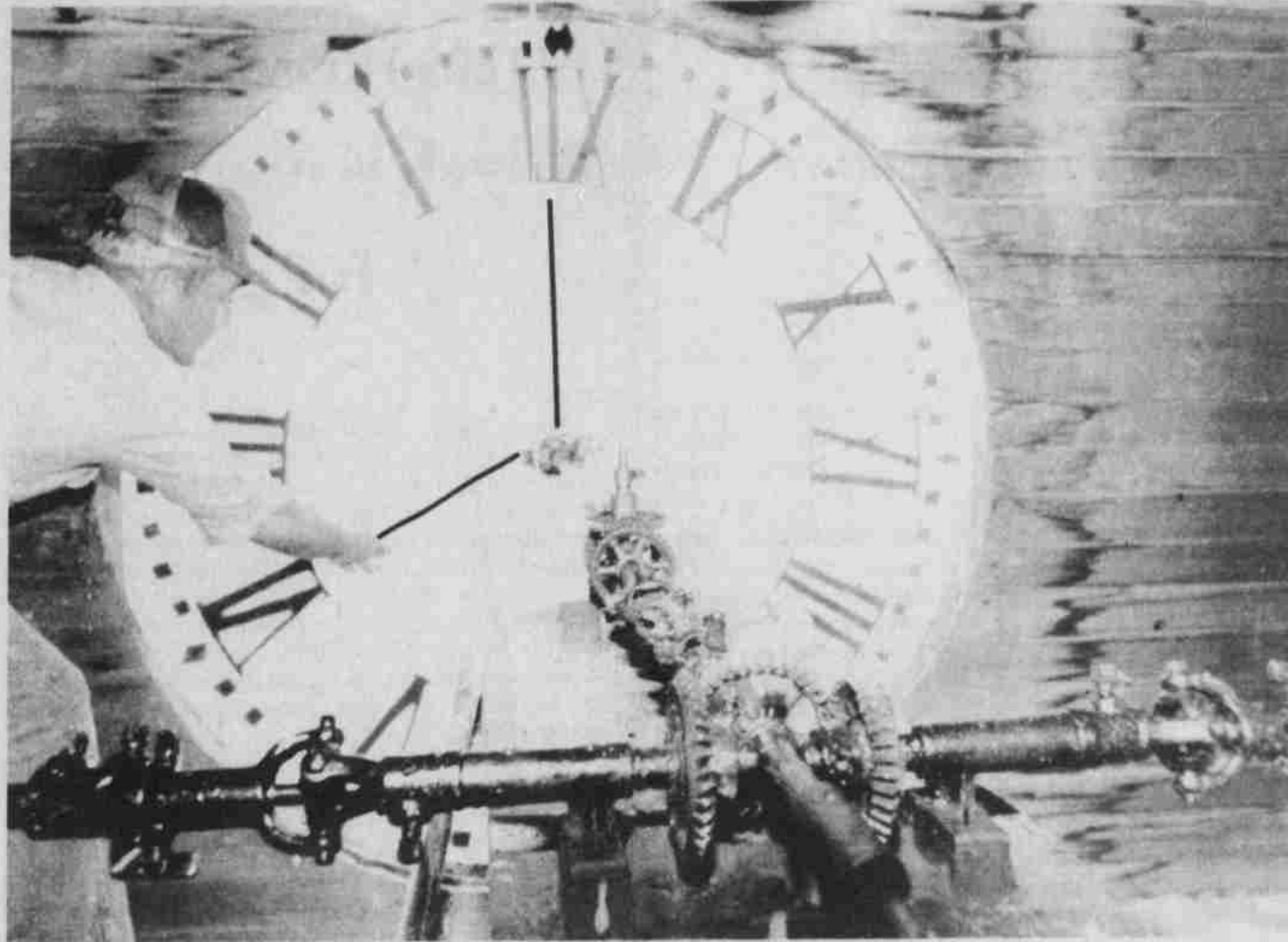
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It's time to change

When it's "two bells" Sunday morning, it will actually be 3 a.m. with this year's coming of Daylight Savings Time.

Ralph Marlatt, custodian at the Courthouse in Heppner, made a dry run to the belfry this week to check on the four-sided clock's mechanism prior to Saturday night.

Clocks should be turned ahead one hour to be in compliance with DST.

D.A. violates '3-F' rule...

County budget requests still coming; cuts will follow Friday meeting

The Morrow County Budget Committee and County Court sat through their second long session Monday listening to explanations of budget requests from county department heads. The session ended with no decisions made on any requests and a third meeting to complete the preliminary budget review is scheduled to take place tomorrow (Friday) at 10 a.m. in the courthouse.

With the proposed budget changing shape as new and changed department budgets are presented to the Budget Committee, Judge D.O. Nelson commented, "We simply won't know what the actual budget will look like until the preliminary work is done and the decisions made on every item requested in the budget."

Among those appearing before the committee on Monday

was District Attorney Dennis Doherty who submitted a new budget request, totaling \$37,000 as compared to his previous request of \$15,593 (\$14,563 is budgeted for the current fiscal year). The new budget included \$12,000 for a deputy D.A.

Doherty said his new proposal would "move the D.A.'s office into the 20th century", pointing out that of 12 Eastern Oregon counties with a full-time D.A., Morrow County falls at the bottom of the list, under Lake County which had \$23,000 allocated during the present fiscal year.

In a letter written to the Budget Committee, Doherty explained his new request, and the reasons behind it, in detail.

"The budget proposal which I am making at this time differs from all my previous

proposals in that it is prepared from an entirely different perspective. It is definitely not prepared out of deference to the unwritten political and fiscal rule of the county which I will refer to as the "Three-F Rule". That "rule" is that it is foolish, futile and fatal to suggest new programs, incur new costs or otherwise risk arousing the wrath of the property taxpayers.

"I like property taxpayers and am not unaware of, nor unsympathetic to their concerns, for I am one myself, and the son of two others and the grandson of four others, etc...I believe...that if voters and taxpayers perceive a local governmental function as needed, and as a true service, they will support it and wish it to be funded..."

Doherty said that he often received criticism for not

doing enough as far as such duties as prosecuting criminals and handling juvenile cases, and admitted such criticism had merit. He continued in his letter: "It seems a matter of elementary fairness that if judgement is to be passed on any public official on the basis of whether or not he has or has not accomplished his job, then he ought to be furnished the means to do his job. In any event my present budget proposal is prepared as representing my judgement as to what is the least which will provide basic public service and avoid plain and simple neglect to duty..."

In addition to the deputy district attorney position, Doherty requested a full-time secretary and part-time clerk to add to his staff and additional budgeting for office

equipment, supplies and publications and legal references.

Hospital Board chairman Fred Martin, members Larry Mills and Dick Sargent, and Pioneer Memorial Hospital administrator Bob Byrnes, submitted a request of \$167,153 to the county to balance their operating budget of \$1,093,419. Hospital resources were estimated at \$926,266.

One decision the Budget Committee faces is whether to include the hospital request in the general budget or to call for a special election for a three-year serial levy to finance the county's share of hospital operation as has been done in the past.

Harold Kerr discussed his budget request of \$34,833 with the committee for the Extension Service, showing an increase of slightly over \$2,000 from the current budget.

Planner Dave Moon, requested \$67,300 for the planning office down \$9,000 from this fiscal year.

On Friday the Budget Committee and the County Court plans to review the budgets for the County Clerk, Juvenile Office and non-departmental items, as well as discussing Revenue Sharing allocations. Members must also meet with the negotiators for union workers in the road department and sheriff's office.

"We don't want to add up the budget requests until we talk to all departments," Judge Nelson said. "No decisions on any budget items have been made yet."

He added, "Hopefully, all review work will be finished on Friday and we'll schedule another meeting as soon as possible. We have to get this show on the road."

City administration will be discussed

Restructuring city government to provide a city administrator position for managing general operations will be up for discussion Monday by the Heppner City Council.

The Council will meet at 8 p.m. in city hall for their regular monthly meeting.

Bill Kuhn of the city attorney's office has drafted what he calls a "fairly standard" ordinance outlining the duties and responsibilities of a city administrator. Kuhn was asked to draft the document after councilman Larry Mills brought up the subject last month and suggested the Council review the ordinance governing the city administrator for the City of Boardman.

Mills stressed that the change to a city administrator

form of government would not require the creation of a new employe position, it would just require a shuffling of present positions. The city budget which will be voted on Tuesday includes an allowance of \$1,500 to be added to the salary of the city employe given the position of city administrator, should the Council decide to make the change.

According to the ordinance, the administrator would be responsible for attending all meetings of the Council, Council committees and Planning Commission and for keeping the Council advised of the affairs and needs of the city. The administrator would supervise and control all nonelective city employes and have the power to transfer employes to different depart-

ments for most efficient operation.

Further, the administrator would act as purchasing agent for all city departments and would be responsible for preparing the general operating budget to be submitted to the budget committee.

The administrator would be appointed by the mayor and subject to approval by the Council.

Weather by Don Gilliam

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Wed., April 19	64	36	
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Fri., Apr. 21	58	31	
Sat., Apr. 22	55	30	.12
Sun., Apr. 23	60	30	
Mon., Apr. 24	64	42	
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Natural resources will be discussed at open public meeting Tuesday

The problems, trends and needs of natural resources in Morrow County will be appraised and discussed at a public meeting Tuesday, May 2, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Riverside High School, Boardman.

The public meeting is co-sponsored by the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service, in accordance with the requirements of the Resources Conservation Act signed by President Carter last November. The law requires public participation and involvement in setting the needs and goals for soil and water conservation.

Under the Resources Con-

servation Act, USDA is required to appraise the natural resources on all private land, develop a five-year program to meet the needs, and evaluate the progress each year. The information provided by individuals and resource-related groups at the public meeting will be used to help develop the first five-year program.

Included in the appraisal will be a determination of the quality and quantity of soil, water and related resources, such as wildlife habitat, as well as the ability of these resources to meet current and future demands. Also considered will be changes in resource conditions because of past uses, the costs and

benefits of alternative soil and water conservation practices, and the effects of alternative irrigation techniques on conservation and the environment.

The public meeting provides the opportunity for residents to help direct USDA's natural resource conservation program. Attendance and participation is encouraged. For those unable to attend the Boardman meeting, the appraisal information can be reviewed at the Soil Conservation Service office in the Gilliam-Bisbee building, Heppner. Further information can be obtained by contacting Dick McElligott, chairman of the Morrow SWCD.