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## D.S.T. Protest

To the Editor: Another word  
of protest about the so-called  
time change, pleading for it to  
stay "standard."

There has always been plenty  
of time for all. Now with short-  
er working hours where is the  
need to change time? Why can't  
the stores open at 7 or 8 a. m.,  
as they used to?

There never was so much dis-  
unity and chaos over such a  
trifling thing.

Working hours have always  
been adjusted, according to con-  
ditions; never the clocks. There  
has been plenty of protest  
against the change.

Doesn't our constitution begin  
with these words: "We, the peo-  
ple of the U. S.?"

Were we asked about D. S. T.?  
Doesn't our declaration of in-  
dependence read in part: "Life,  
liberty and pursuit of happi-  
ness?"

D.S.T. causes mothers to put  
in longer hours preparing meals  
for the family under two differ-  
ent working clocks, so a few  
may have one hour longer in the  
evening. Innocent children are  
disturbed. Is that happiness?

If our Golden Rule was re-  
peated and concentrated on, it  
would eliminate a lot of this  
selfishness.

I think this so-called time  
change should be abolished once  
and for all so it would not come  
up every spring like the sap in  
a tree.

It's too bad there are not more  
mayors like the mayor of Madras  
who knows how to run his own  
business without being a follow-  
er.

We inherited our standard  
time from our ancestors. Why  
not stand up and protect it?

It's never too late to make  
things right, Mr. Mayor. Let's  
continue on standard time with  
the rest and keep united.

Mrs. H. E. Schmidt.

## D.S.T. Revolt Urged

To the Editor: In 1883 stan-  
dard time was adopted. It seems  
to have been satisfactory or it  
would have been changed be-  
fore this.

A child that has to catch the  
bus at 6:30 D.S.T. would have  
to be up at 5:30 to have his  
breakfast and get ready for  
school. One would need their  
lights on at 5:30. What's saved?

We have associations that ad-  
vocate the welfare of our growing  
children. That early arising  
wouldn't be one of them. I  
should think D.S.T. could just as  
well be as well as let it out and  
changed again as school starts  
in the fall. If we must have such  
a silly thing.

The court house they say is  
going to operate some on stan-  
dard time and some on D.S.T.  
Also the postoffice and also pub-  
lic transportation will be divid-  
ed. Such a mess!

I would just like to know who  
is behind all this confusion. Surely  
129 business men in a city against  
the thousands of people who have  
not been the answer.

There is only one class of  
business that would gain by a  
long, long evening with nothing  
for the young folks to do. That  
would be those that make it  
their business to disrate the pub-  
lic.

More cigarettes to smoke,  
more liquor to drink, more delin-  
quent children and youths.

But we the people do not have  
to have daylight saving time if  
we are against it. It does not mat-  
ter whether it is the business  
men or the crime promoters that  
are demoralizing the people.

It isn't war. No one can ar-  
rest you, nor shoot you, nor im-

## Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N. Y., April 24—That \$100-a-day weather  
expert from Harvard is having a hard time. Every time he goes  
up in the air to make rain, he is forced down by low-hanging  
clouds which are either doing the rain job or getting ready to.  
Today is an example. A few days ago there was a similar experi-  
ence. The net result is ok and probably worth the price, but we  
should think the rain-making professor would wonder if he is  
really justified in banking one hundred bucks per day without at  
least giving a substantial cut to Jupiter Pluvius.

Some friends here who planned to leave for Asheville, N. C.,  
for a couple of weeks vacation are worried lest there be a railroad  
strike and they won't be able to get back. According to press  
reports if the railroad workers do walk out the Southern Railway  
system will close shop entirely, putting nearly 40,000 men out of  
work. This system serves Asheville.

What's wrong?  
Well, it's the Diesel locomotive question.

Thanks to the superior power of the Diesel and its lower  
upkeep from the standpoint both of labor and fuel, the railroads  
have been able to reduce expenses materially in recent years. The  
time probably is not far distant when the Diesel will replace old  
fashioned coal burning locomotives entirely.

This would mark a long step in transportation progress—better  
service at less cost.

But it would also mark a reduction in labor costs—a reduced  
payroll. Organized labor leaders don't like this, so they insist  
upon adding a third man to the Diesel crew or ELSE—!

Organized labor claims this demand is in the interest of public  
safety and improved service. But two fact-finding boards appointed  
by Presidents Roosevelt and Truman decided this claim was  
entirely "devoid of merit"—while the president of the Southern  
Railway declares Diesels don't need three men in the cab any  
more than a two-legged man needs three shoes.

Here is a perfect spot for this department's special "labor  
court" to step in, decide which side is right, hand down a decision  
which would be supported, as criminal and civil court decisions  
are supported by the police power. This would prevent a strike and  
the consequent painful sacrifices by labor, capital and the public.  
But apparently there is about as much chance of special labor  
courts as of oratorical sanity in an election year. It just can't be  
done—although it should be.

## Speaking of sanity—

The longer this McCarthy hubaloo goes on the clearer it  
becomes that Senator Lodge was right—the entire Communist  
issue should have been taken out of partisan politics at the outset,  
placed in the hands of a non-political special board, and all charges  
turned over to the F.B.I. before they were made public, NOT after.

The exact reverse course was adopted by the Wisconsin senator.  
He first made his charges—wholesale, inaccurate and irresponsible  
—did irreparable harm to scores of innocent people, and stirred  
up such a wild-eyed dust storm that at the present writing con-  
fusion worse confounded is the only net result. Everyone wants  
Communists, or Communist sympathizer driven out of government  
service. AT ONCE. But everyone also wants—or SHOULD want—the  
FACT that individuals named are Communists or Communist  
sympathizers, established beyond any reasonable doubt FIRST.

That could have been—and still can be—accomplished under the  
Lodge plan, it CAN'T be accomplished under the McCarthy  
procedure.

We don't often urge the reading of any special magazine. But  
the April Harpers has so many articles of interest and value that  
we wish the magazine's circulation were about 100 times as large  
as it is.

The excellent and convincing article regarding China by  
Professor Pepper of Columbia University has already been recom-  
mended. There is also "Two Boys on a Mountain," by Justice Wm.  
Douglas which is both entertaining and instructive, incidentally  
bringing a fact into sharp relief that all us oldsters appreciate  
namely: that the years take the dare-devil out of a man so only  
young men should be fighter pilots. The locale is in the Tieton  
Basin in the Cascades which gives the article a special appeal for  
Oregonians.

Perhaps the most startling article is entitled "A Cataclysm  
Threatens California." The author is an engineer named Cooper  
and if he is correct the Imperial Valley may be wiped out any  
day by a flood from a back-up of the Colorado river induced by  
another major earthquake. The Coachella Valley further north  
and reaching nearly to El Centro would also be threatened both  
involving over 3,000,000 acres of the richest land in California  
and of course, thousands of lives.

One can imagine what the inhabitants of this prosperous and  
salubrious section of former California desert must be thinking  
of the article, its author and the magazine. The reaction of the  
real estate agents would be especially interesting!

Yet, if the facts are true, they should be made public, and a  
program started at once to save the two valleys from any such  
catastrophe—if that can be done.

If the facts are NOT true, of course printing such an article  
would be inexcusable. It is hard to believe as responsible a mag-  
azine as Harpers would publish such an alarming prediction without  
first checking and rechecking from a factual standpoint.

Harpers costs 50 cents at the news-stands but the April number  
at least is cheap at the price. (Unpaid ad.)

We see that Wayne Morse's opponent for the senatorial nomi-  
nation asks the GOP electorate to name a "regular Republican,"  
i.e.—himself. We doubt if the Republican rank and file will oblige  
however, for there would be no more certain way to spoil the  
GOP record for three decades and return to a Democrat to the  
United States Senate than to defeat Oregon's junior Republican  
senator in the primary. That would put the senate seat in the bag  
for the administration's nominee. In fact we believe a careful  
check will show that more than one Democrat will register as a  
Republican in the primary and vote for the "regular" and un-  
known nominee, so as to aid the Democratic cause. Yep, just as  
simple as that!

Later: Another downpour with the reservoirs over 80 per cent  
full. The Harvard rainmaker didn't even go up this time, but is  
still drawing his \$4 per hour asleep or awake.

—RWR

prison you if you refuse to turn  
your clock up. All together now,  
on Sunday, April the 30th, leave  
your clock as it is.

If you haven't democracy or  
spunk enough to show how you  
are burned up by such a silly thing  
then you deserve any inconveni-  
ence resulting from same.

Clarrisa Dobson

## Blames Business Men

To the Editor: This confusion  
about daylight saving time bor-  
ders on the ridiculous if it were  
not so serious.

How a handful of business  
men can willfully disrupt a  
whole valley so that they can  
have an extra hour to spend on  
the golf course or loaf at the ex-  
pense of the people who do hard  
physical labor and need that ex-  
tra hour of rest is beyond me.

I read that a petition of 100  
names was presented favoring  
the last time.

Just whose names were on  
that petition and who instigated  
it?

Was it those same business  
men and their employees?  
I notice that the other towns  
in the valley waited for Medford  
to decide first.

The farmers do not want fast  
time. Central Point Grange went  
on record as opposing it, but it  
appears that because they live  
outside the city they carry no  
weight in this matter. Why isn't  
the whole county allowed to set-  
tle this question by vote? Be-  
cause the council knows it would  
not pass.

I understand one of our coun-  
cilmembers refused to vote for the  
fast time. It was Mr. Runtz. In  
that case let's make him our next  
mayor. Although he is also a  
business man he apparently puts  
the welfare of the people above  
his own interests.

A people that don't have in-  
testinal fortitude to get up on  
their hind legs and demand  
proper consideration from their  
public servants deserve just

## Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"I don't know what you're so nervous about, Binks. After all, you're just asking for a raise which I'm going to refuse to give you."

## Washington Report

By Bob Dickey

Washington, Apr. 27—The  
Oregon delegation is hard at  
work trying to iron out the dis-

treasing situa-  
tion confront-  
ing the north-  
west wheat  
growers.

There are  
three basic  
problems  
which are ham-  
stringing the  
region's wheat  
and flour in-  
dustry. They  
are:

1. Loss of export markets  
through inability to compete  
with lower priced Canadian and  
Australian wheat and flour.

2. Loss of domestic market in  
California to southern Idaho pro-  
ducers by reason of inequities in

the support program for the two  
areas.

3. Loss of eastern markets  
because of high freight rates  
which make shipping economi-  
cally unfeasible.

By the very nature of these  
three problems, the prospects of  
any immediate relief are gloomy.  
Nevertheless, certain steps are  
being taken.

To remedy the loss of markets  
to Canada and Australia, an ex-  
port subsidy plan has been sug-  
gested. Relief from the freight  
rates which cripple the north-  
west industries as a whole is also  
under consideration.

Since these two issues repre-  
sent overall policy questions, no  
immediate action can be taken  
without complete consideration  
by congress.

A change in the support pro-  
gram, however, could be effect-  
ed immediately. And currently  
the Oregon legislators are work-  
ing on this phase.

The real objection to the sup-  
port program is that the south-  
ern Idaho area is under a dif-  
ferent classification and as a  
result can produce wheat at a  
cheaper price. Thus the southern  
Idaho wheat and flour people  
have crowded Oregon and Wash-  
ington producers out of the Cali-  
fornia market.

The effect of this inequality  
in the support program is cogent-  
ly pointed up by the fact that  
millers in Oregon are operating at  
50 per cent of capacity, while  
the southern Idaho operations  
are between 80 and 100 per cent  
of capacity. By contrast, flour  
mills on a national scale are  
operating at 75 per cent capac-  
ity.

## Davidson Means CVA

Sec. Girard Davidson, assistant  
secretary of interior, has dis-  
covered that his name is synony-  
mous with CVA to some Ore-  
gonians.

A few weeks ago Davidson  
attended the Virgin Islands gov-  
ernor installation ceremonies as  
President Truman's representa-  
tive. During his stay vacationing  
Portlandite as a fellow Oregon-  
ian.

The two chatted for a few  
minutes—then there was a  
pause, and Davidson's newly  
made friend said, "Say, are you  
the CVA Davidson?"

## Watchdog Morse

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out, finally gave in and joined  
the ranks of Oregon cities going  
on daylight saving time this  
summer.

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In Chicago the other night,  
David Sarnoff, chairman of the  
board of the Radio Corporation  
of America, was discussing the  
possibilities of television. Among  
other things, he told his hearers  
that TELEVISION MAY DE-  
TERMINE THE NEXT PRESI-  
DENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES.

## SAID Sarnoff:

When TV spreads from coast  
to coast and gets the 75 to 80  
million viewers it expects to get  
within the next two and a half  
years, "the next President will  
have to be photogenic."

He'll have to wear the right  
necktie.

He'll have to smile pleasantly.

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## WHAT'S COOKIN' UNDER THE BIG TOP

NO swinging trapeze artists!

NO pink-cotton candy!

NO laugh-happy clowns!

BUT—THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Watch This Space  
STARTS MONDAY

## On the Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Yesterday we breezed down  
highway 1 to the Gulfstream  
Park racetrack to see the noble  
animals perform. The Gulfstream  
race course is one of the most  
beautiful horse tracks I have  
even seen. It is cleverly land-  
scaped. In the infield is a lake  
on which a couple of small yachts  
sail about and bathing beauties  
stage surfboard riding exhibi-  
tions. A very pleasant place to  
spend an afternoon. I saw Joe E.  
Lewis, the whimsical night spot  
comedian, wandering around the  
clubhouse terrace. Also saw the  
ex-jockey, Don Meade. Don pre-  
sented an extremely dapper ap-  
pearance and although he has  
been barred from riding for some  
time it is quite evident he is still  
doing pretty well for himself fi-  
nancially.

## Billboards

The part of highway 1 we  
traveled on to Gulfstream Park  
is certainly all cluttered up with  
billboards. Never saw so many  
billboards by the side of the road  
before. Seems they are about six  
feet apart. We returned by way  
of a highway along the ocean on  
which there are no billboards at  
all. Quite a relief.

## Unique City

We passed through Fort Lau-  
derdale on the way back. This is  
the most unusual city I have seen  
in Florida so far. In one way it  
strongly resembles Venice, hav-  
ing 100 miles of natural and ar-  
tificial waterways within the city  
limits. It is populated chiefly by  
yachting and angling enthusi-  
asts. Most of them live in charm-  
ing little houses with beautiful  
lawns running down to canals.

For fishing they usually go to  
sea. But they don't have to. The  
fishing is good right within the  
city limits.

## Artificial Ice

It was Dr. John Gorrie of Ap-  
alachicola, Fla., who first patent-  
ed a process of making ice arti-  
ficially. He used it for air con-  
ditioning the rooms of fever pa-  
tients. That was over 100 years  
ago. In 1845 to be exact. There  
has been a monument erected in  
Apalachicola in the good doctor's  
honor. Now the next time you  
think how convenient artificial  
ice cubes are you will know  
whom to thank for that conveni-  
ence.

## Mighty Hunter

The mightiest of all Florida's  
mighty alligator hunters was a  
fellow known as "Alligator"  
Pratt. When Pratt saw an allig-  
ator floating by he diver in and  
tackled the animal, climbed on  
its back and rode him ashore. I  
have seen moving pictures of  
men wrestling with alligators,  
but Pratt is the only man I ever  
heard of who dared to dive into  
the water after an alligator and  
bring it ashore alive.

## Postal Colony

Ask your postman if he ever  
heard of Postal Colony, Fla. This  
community consists of 1000 acres  
of citrus groves and was estab-  
lished by and for retired postal  
clerks in 1922. The postal clerk  
retirement age is 62. An organi-  
zation, named the Postal Colony  
company, maintains all the nec-  
essary agricultural equipment  
for citrus growing and this is  
used jointly by the growers.

About 100 families spend their  
winters in Postal Colony and 25  
live there all the year around.

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## News of 4-H

CLUBS

## Roxy Ann 4-H Club

Roxy Ann 4-H Sheep club met  
at the home of Mr. Whitcher  
April 22 at 7 p. m. He took them  
down on the river for a wiener  
roast. Members discussed getting  
their lambs for the P.I. fair at  
Portland this fall.  
Wilson Moeller, reporter.

state salesmen and this gave the  
state's real estate industry a bad  
name. Now to acquire a license  
to deal in real estate a man must  
have been a resident of Florida  
for at least six months. He must  
also furnish character references  
and credentials detailing his ac-  
tivities for the preceding 10  
years. In addition he must pass a  
stiff examination on real estate  
law and finance.

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Ends Saturday  
LAST 2  
DAYS



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

His Punch  
is His Signature

Was on the train up to Central  
City the other day and when the  
conductor came around, I asked  
him why their ticket punches make  
such odd-shaped holes in the ticket.

"Every conductor in the country  
has a different design for his  
punch," he tells me. "Some even  
show up a fellow's preferences.  
Now take mine. The hole it makes  
looks like a beer goblet."

Sure enough! Then he went on  
to say that the punch is just like  
the conductor's signature. Makes  
it easy to trace tickets... to check up  
if something happens.

From where I sit, even though  
your ticket is punched differently  
from mine, it still gets you where  
you're going. Just like people with  
their opinions. You might like coffee,  
another person, tea—and I'll  
settle for a temperate glass of  
beer. But what does it matter, so  
long as we respect the right of the  
other to have tastes and opinions?

We're all trying to go in the same  
direction—towards a friendlier,  
more pleasant world for all of us.

Joe Marsh

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