

# Governor's Daylight Time Decision Brings Mail Flood

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SALEM (AP) — Gov. Douglas McKay's week-old announcement that he wouldn't order daylight saving time for Oregon this year has brought the heaviest flood of mail to his office many years.

letters, and says they support his decision by a 5 to 1 margin. Many of these letters are signed by scores of people. Those who criticize his decision are using some of the most vilest, sulphurous language imaginable. Gov. McKay emphasizes that he doesn't let the letters influence him, because he had to make his decision on facts and according to law. The law, passed in 1949 by the legislature and approved by the people in 1950, provides that the governor can order daylight time only to conform with neighboring states and to prevent serious economic loss.

The governor said he couldn't see how standard time would cause serious loss this year, so he kept standard time. Some of his correspondents asked him how come he could not this year, as conditions are the same. But the governor says the difference is that last year most of Western Washington was on the standard time, while this year, most of it isn't. Gov. McKay is happy that the big majority of the letters com-

ment him. But he gets angry over some of the names he is being called. The governor thinks very little of President Truman. So the prize insult comes from a Salem resident who wrote, "you're getting more like Harry S. Truman every day."

The governor let us read every letter he has received since he made his decision. We found that most people on each side of the question claim the other side is a "minority pressure group."

There are letters from farmers, city dwellers, laborers, businessmen and housewives. Some of each group commends the governor, and the others criticize him.

A Cannon Beach resident wrote that if the governor decides in favor of daylight time he'll burn down the forests. The governor says he's going to stick to standard time.

A lot of daylight time supporters say they'll never vote for McKay again. But there are just as many letters from people who say they never voted for him before, but will from now on.

Here are a few of the publishable acid comments from daylight supporters. "You're stupid. Ambitious people want daylight time, lazy people do not."

"You sold us down the river. Come election time, we'll beil

you." "Oh Gov! oh Gov! How could you do this?" "You've given in to the lousy Grange and dairymen. I'm going to become a Democrat."

"You are taking away from me our summer. You were my favorite governor."

"We ought to call it standard Grange time."

"Truman babies the unions, you baby the farmers."

"You ought to sell buggy whips, you Benedict Arnold."

"You spineless critter."

"There aren't many good quotes from the letters praising the governor. Most of them express their 'sincere appreciation' for standard time."

"One man, who served in France in World War I with the governor wrote: 'Last time I saw you was in Hesse Forest just before we started for the Argonne but you didn't look scared and this indicates you still have your chin up.'"

"One standard time advocate said the loud protests from the daylight time supporters indicates that 'the die-hards and white collar pressure groups can't take it.'"

"One dairy farmer even wrote that his family would have liked to have kissed the governor when they heard the decision. Mrs. McKay wouldn't have liked that, just

as she doesn't like the names her husband is being called. Gov. McKay doesn't like the criticism, either. But what he would like is for the Legislature for all, which says on this Oregon should have, instead of letting the governor make the tough decision.

## Marines Get Young Hopeful

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Thomas Grady studied the U. S. Marine enlistment poster and then helped himself to one of those posters expressing interest in enlistment. He filled it out and mailed it without telling anyone. His mother Mrs. John A. Grady of suburban Abington was advised when a Marine recruiting sergeant phoned asking for Tom. "He's in school with the other fourth graders," his mother told the sergeant.

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS  
SALEM (AP) — State police checked 18,841 automobiles during March and April, and found 181 had expired license plates, and 525 drivers didn't have valid driver's licenses. State Police Supt. H. G. Watson said Tuesday.

## Fourth Crash Victim Dies

TACOMA (AP) — Richard Dexter, 25, died in Pierce County Hospital Tuesday night, bringing to four the toll in the crash of a private plane two miles east of here last Thursday night. Dexter, a Tacoma oil distributor, was injured when the plane he was piloting struck a power line and plunged in flames to the ground. Three others aboard the craft were killed outright or burned to death. Dexter was pulled free badly injured and burned. Investigators said Dexter apparently failed to see the power lines in a shortly after dusk landing attempt.

## Seattle Mercury Nose Dives

SEATTLE (AP) — Rooftops were white with frost at dawn Tuesday after the coldest April 26-27 night here in 45 years. The temperature of 27 degrees early Tuesday at the downtown weather station tied the previous low record for the date set in 1907. At the Seattle-Tacoma airport, the mercury dropped to 31. It should be slightly warmer Tuesday night, with a minimum of about 40, with occasional rain Wednesday.

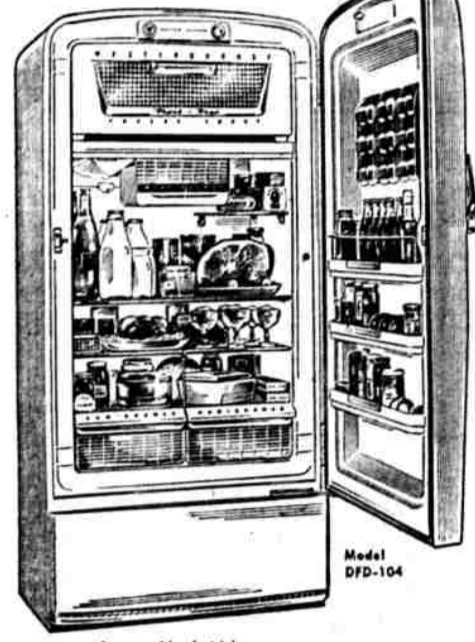


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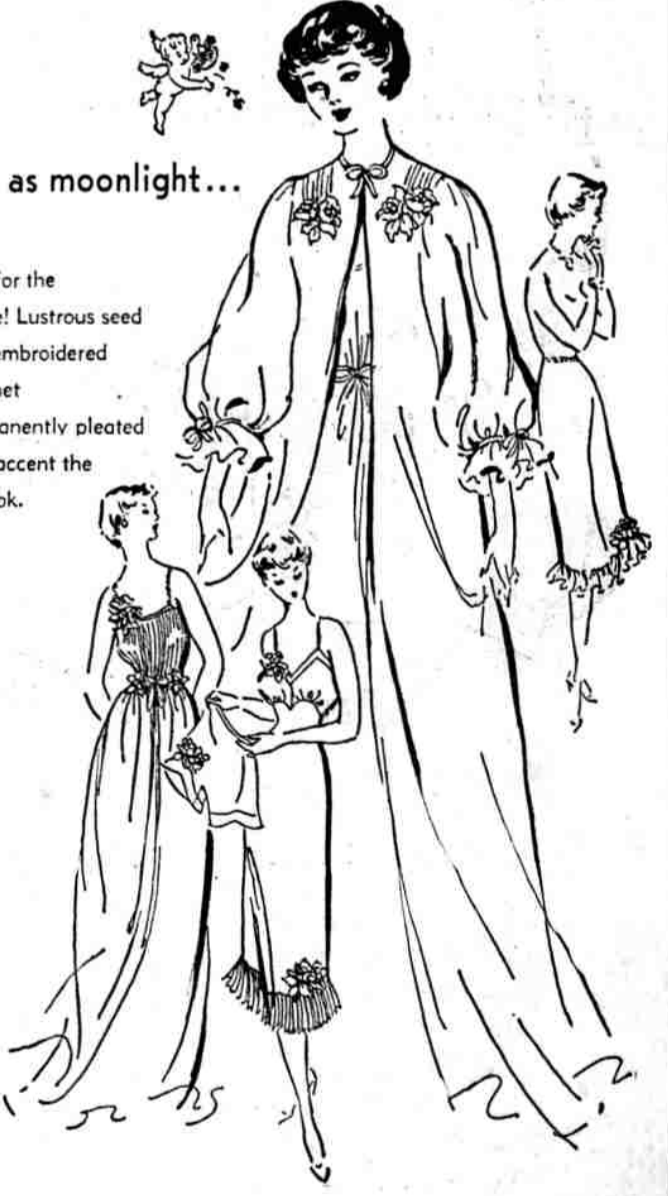
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