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More Nominations

Bob Frazier of the Eugene Register-Guard is a real smart fellow, comes up with lots of good ideas.

Recently he came up with one that's above standard, even for him. Frazier wants to make the dandelion the national flower.

(Because of the fact that the dandelion is probably spread over a wider area and grows in greater variety of climatic conditions than any other flower, it might not be a bad choice at that.)

But Frazier figures it this way. "Make it the national flower," he says, "and it will immediately become hard to grow, difficult to propagate, hard to ship and the price will skyrocket. If the price goes up the darn things will be sure to disappear from our lawns."

We'll join Bob Frazier in sponsoring his nomination, but we'd like to add some others to it. Some of them are:

1. We should make national heroes out of the guys who cut in sharply in front of you during heavy traffic. Keep 'em so busy making public appearances, war bond speeches and service club appearances that they won't have time to drive.

2. Give medals to those who insist on cutting in and around fishermen and swimmers on rivers and lakes. Gold plate their boat motors, if necessary, so the motors will be too valuable to use.

3. Make the roach a delicacy, and the most sought-after fish on the rivers and lakes in this area. They would be sure, then, to become as scarce as 20-pound trout now are.

These are only three more to add to Frazier's first nomination. We'll leave it up to him to work out the details on these schemes while we dream up a few more nominations.

They Pass in the Night

Sheep are moving from Central Oregon ranges to Cascade pastures these summer days, but not in the manner or over the routes of yesteryear.

Many Bend residents will recall the migration of flocks through the Deschutes country a few decades ago. They were huge flocks. In some seasons as many as 35,000 were unloaded from trains here or moved across the "desert" to the timbered rangelands in the mountains.

Not all those flocks detoured Bend. Some were driven across the Portland avenue bridge, in the north part of town, then herded westward through the city.

Occasionally gardens disappeared and new lawns were closely clipped by the hungry woolies — and protests reached city officials.

But times have changed. Mid-Oregon flocks have dwindled in numbers, and there is no longer a driveway through Bend.

Now sheep widely detour Bend. Few are aware of their passage — or of the part sheep played in the economy of Central Oregon in early years.

No News About Joe

(Oregon Statesman, Salem)

Roy Cohn whose name was prominent in the news a year ago, spoke up to complain that the newspapers were blacking out references to his former boss, Sen. Joe McCarthy. True, there has been little in the press about Joe or from Joe for some months. But that is because he killed himself off. The Watkins committee hearing and the subsequent debate on its recommendation of condemnation of the senator from Wisconsin finally dealt him a jolt he hasn't recovered from. Then he is no longer chairman of the Senate committee on investigations which automatically deprives him of an official sounding board. The real reason for his news fadeout is that the people, having weighed him in the balance and found him wanting, have thrown him in the discard as far as their interest is concerned. Public opinion operates in very subtle ways. Sometimes it is slow to get stirred up. When it is, currents flow swiftly. Joe has just got caught in one of its strong ebb tides. At that we may conclude that "no news (about Joe) is good news."

Quotable Quotes

So long as one American is held in Chinese Communist prisons, our people will feel a deep sense of outrage and injustice. — Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.)

Every year I go in the (National Open) front door as the favorite and come out the back door beaten. Some day I'd like to sneak in the back door and come out the front with the title. — Golfer Sam Snead.

Didn't I support him (Stevenson) in 1952? Will a duck swim? I will support him or any other candidate nominated by the Democratic convention. — Ex-President Truman.

You might say there's a Ford in GM's future. — Walter Reuther, UAW-CIO president on General Motors wage talks.

The United States has definitely come off better (at the Bandung conference) than the fondest hopes of Washington, and particularly the State Department. — Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. (D-NY).

I've seen him (pitcher Herb Score) faster this spring and so will you. The more confidence he gets the harder he'll fire. — AJ Lopez, Indians' manager.

The Hat and the Ring



Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

As a visitor to Redmond, Oregon I was rather shocked by the article which appeared on the front page of your June 13th issue — an article which presented the decision of the board of Redmond High School in regard to married students.

Working under the presumption that this article was placed on the front page as an invitation to public opinion, I should like to point out to the board that such a decision is to me very bigoted, and does not reflect the freedom of education of which we as Americans are so proud.

As students in America the young people are guaranteed a free education up to the 12th grade. If a young couple are very much in love, and are in High School, it is natural for them to get married. A decision of this sort seems to point to a choice between marriage and education. If they are forced to give up high school, they are being deprived of a right to gain something just at the time when they need it most. It is advised in the article that they go to night school. Why should they be forced to go to school and pay for it when they are at a crucial financial stage of life, and have every right to a free education?

As a graduate of Fairbanks High School Fairbanks, Alaska I know of many cases in which a young fellow quit high school, joined the army, got married, and then returned to finish up high school. Never was there any problem, either socially or with the administration. I was interested in this when I was in school. Our Senior Class had fourteen married students, eleven of which were on the honor roll. All of them were well integrated with school life.

and contributed to a well-rounded education for everybody.

That this board made a decision of such gravity without a poll of public opinion seems to me an overstepping of power. It is my hope that such a decision is not final and will be changed by comparison with other school boards who may well be more objective and more aware of the implications of such a decision. If a married student does turn out to be unworthy as a student he can and should be expelled the same as an unmarried student; but to force withdrawal because of a church ceremony seems to me a violation of fundamental rights.

I sincerely hope, Redmond School, that you as representatives of the community will weigh this question very carefully and objectively; and that members of the Redmond community will set forth their opinions with equal care.

Thanking you as a very interested and sincere individual, I remain
Sincerely yours,
John W. Boswell
Fairbanks, Alaska
Redmond, Ore.
June 17, 1955

TAKES PRECEDENCE

The lieutenant-governor of Ontario takes precedence over those of other Canadian provinces in respect to federal ceremonies and occasions.

Need for More Dissenters Seen By Chief Justice

MADISON, Wis. (UP) — Chief Justice Earl Warren has called for more "dissenters" and men who aren't afraid to be called radical.

Mr. Warren made the plea for independent minds recently as he spoke at the centennial celebration of the birthday of the late Robert M. LaFollette Sr., fiery founder of the Progressive movement.

The Chief Justice called LaFollette pre-eminently a dissenter — a dissenter in the finest sense of the word, and said America still has need of such dissent. "It is as important now as it was then; we must test all of our public actions by dissent," he said. "The majority does not always discover the right answer until it is so tested."

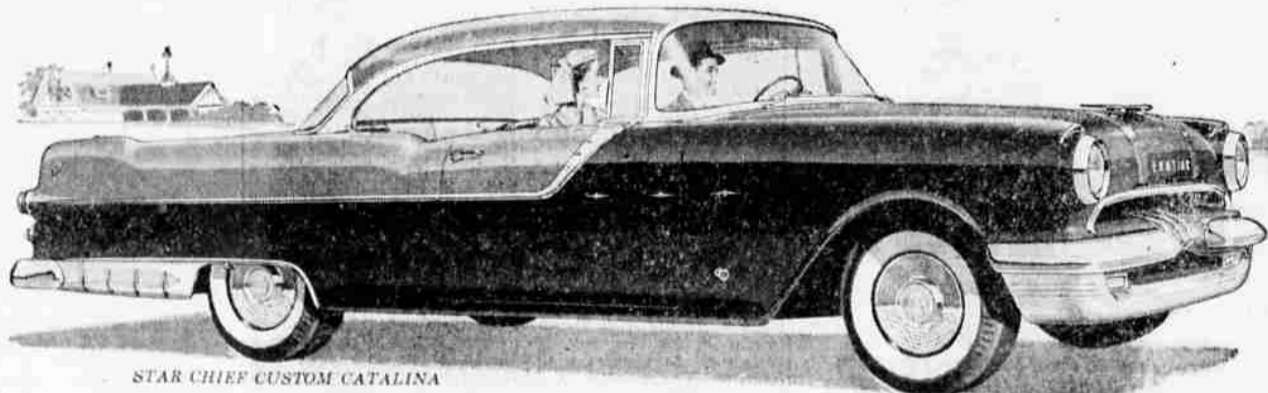
Mr. Warren led the tribute to "Fighting Bob" LaFollette, the controversial senator from Wisconsin who won nearly five million votes when he ran for the presidency on a third party ticket in 1924.

About 50 of LaFollette's old followers in the Progressive movement, together with his son, former Wisconsin Gov. Phil LaFollette, joined Mr. Warren in a pilgrimage to "Old Bob's" birthplace at nearby Primrose, Wis.

LaFollette, Mr. Warren said later, "did not dissent through mere obstinacy. He dissented in righteous indignation when he thought the objectives of our government were being subverted."

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