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Mr. Bob Hagen
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Dear Mr. Hagen:

Do you mind if I form a fan club in your honor? All I need is your permission, your signature on a few dozen membership cards, and the negative from a photograph of yourself. I need the negative to have some pictures printed which would be issued to the members.

Of course there would be no charge to join the fan club, and naturally no profit.

Please let me know your answer as soon as possible. Thank you.

A fan,
Kathy Evanson

P.S. How's Daddy Rabbit?

The Bob Hagen Journal

BOB HELPS COLAVITO'S FAN CLUB

Rocky Colavito's fan club was going around in circles when The Rock was traded to the Detroit Tigers way back on April 17. Still the club did not disband and received much publicity and many new members.

On the night of the trade, Bob Hagen was up to his usual antics with his trusty tape recorder at his side in the WERE newsroom. He phoned Emily Fitzgibbons, president of Rocky's fan club, to get her opinion on the trade. Although Bob had no idea as to what Emily's telephone number might be, he proceeded with his plans to call every Fitzgibbons in the book until he reached the right one. The conversation was heard on the eleven o'clock news that night.

In the next issue of Rocky's fan club journal, The Rocket, Emily thanked Bob for publicizing the club.

DEATH PENALTY

Before and after the death of author-convict Caryl Chessman in California's gas chamber, Americans were trying desperately to abolish the death penalty. Many states have responded while others remain undecided.

Bob thinks capital punishment is a throw-back to older times. American citizens should know better by now and they should have learned more.

"The death penalty does not prevent crimes," said Bob, "and the murder rate is lower in some states where capital punishment is abolished. Until the law is changed it has to be done that way. It would be a step forward if it was eliminated."

Bob doesn't think fear of capital punishment keeps a man from committing a crime. The common criminal does it with the idea that he won't get caught.

And what would be sufficient punishment for first degree murder? Bob advises "a life prison term without parole."

BALL GAMES

While the Indians are battling to win every baseball game played at Cleveland's Stadium, Bob isn't always taking it easy in the newsroom. Sometimes he works at the home games along with WERE sportscasters Jimmy Dudley and Bob Neal.

Although he is not heard over the air directly from the Stadium, Bob is hard at work helping his sportscaster buddies. This was the case on May 18 when the Indians fought the Boston Red Sox, and also on May 20 at a game with the powerful New York Yankees.

Of course there are times when Bob is at the station and the baseball games are delayed due to adverse weather conditions. In a situation like this Bob temporarily becomes a disc jockey and entertains the anxious baseball fans until play resumes. If the game is called, Bob trots back to the newsroom and the regular DJ is hauled back to work.

HARGROVE TRIAL

Our own Bob Hagen was sent to Painesville to cover the Floyd Hargrove trial. In December, 1959, Hargrove confessed to the Christmas Eve killing of Charles Clark in Mentor, Ohio. His trial began May 16, 1960, when Hargrove entered a plea of not guilty.

WERE made a wise move in allowing Bob to report on each day's happenings. Listeners were kept up to date as Bob daily gave the WERE newsroom adequate information for their news broadcasts. Not to be outdone by other newsmen, Bob interviewed several prominent people connected with the trial.

After the jury had reached their decision of not guilty on June 8, Bob talked with Floyd Hargrove. The 34-year-old truck driver told Reporter Hagen he was glad it was all over and said he would go home to Toledo for a visit with his mother.

Mrs. Effie Walker, Floyd's mother, was in Painesville for the trial. She had faith in her son and knew he was innocent. Mrs. Walker also stated that the truth about the killing would eventually come out.

Defense Attorney Louis Turi, Jr. told Bob he thought Charles Clark was shot accidentally by a child in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Carl Clark, mother of the dead man, didn't believe the verdict was just. Bob learned that Mrs. Clark thought Hargrove was guilty.

Also on June 8 Bob talked with Hargrove's lover and Clark's widow, Mrs. Lois Clark. She had no objections to the verdict and realized if Hargrove was innocent he could not be proven guilty.

Three days later, on June 11, Mr. Carl Clark, father of Charles, received a phone call in his Rochester, N.Y. home. Bob was at it again as he phoned Clark to ask his opinion on the possible marriage of Floyd Hargrove and Lois Clark.

So ends the controversial Hargrove trial and a busy three weeks for Bob.

SUB FOR JORGY

WERE newsmen Bill Jorgensen, who has a five minute program called One Man's View, was at a meeting on May 30 and consequently could not do his show. Bob was drafted for the job and gave a new twist to Jorgy's famous program.

He changed the name a bit and called it One Woman's View. Listeners probably chuckled to themselves when they heard a man say "This is One Woman's View," but listened contentedly as Bob pulled an interesting interview from his bag of tricks.

The woman on the show was Mrs. Effie Walker, mother of Floyd Hargrove. She expressed her opinions on the trial which was over the half-way mark at that time.

Rather than dream up a five minute talk on any handy topic, Bob cleverly let Mrs. Walker do the talking while he received credit for being Jorgensen's substitute.

One Man's View is heard Monday through Friday at 12:10 and 11:10 p.m.

A HELPING HAND

Like a high-rated Boy Scout, Bob does exceptional good deeds; this one occurring on June 10. He didn't help a little old lady across the street, but he did get a WERE disc jockey off the spot.

Shortly after the DJ, Bob Forster, went on the air, Forster mentioned the baseball game between the Indians and Yankees, which was to take place that night in New York. He was about to state the starting pitcher for Cleveland, but couldn't think of the fellow's name. It obviously was an embarrassing situation, but Bob Hagen came to the rescue. Bob, who was in the newsroom working overtime, gave Forster a helping hand by making a motion that meant Bobby Locke was the pitcher.

HORN CO. FIRE

On June 11's 8:00 p.m. news, Bob reported on a triple alarm fire at the Horn Auto Body Shop Co., E. 71 St. and Carnegie Ave.

Firemen fought the blaze for nearly an hour before it was brought under control. Damage was estimated at \$58,000.

VACATION

Beginning June 17, Bob will take a well-earned vacation from his newsroom duties at WERE. For two weeks Bob and his family will visit friends and relatives in neighboring cities and states.

WERE will have to get along without him during his absence, and thus will lose the services of their most promising young newsman.