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This and That

by George R. Averill

Which House to Win?

Recently, President Eisenhower requested both labor and management in the United States to refrain from asking for higher wages on the one hand and increasing the price of commodities on the other hand. The President's request came as the result of his desire to hold down inflation, another name for which is the cheapening of the American dollar.

Immediately a group of labor leaders headed by U.A.W.'s Walter P. Reuther criticized the President for even suggesting that labor refrain from asking for higher wages. The Reuther crowd contends that the chief economic trouble in the United States is the lack of purchasing power by the masses of people. So, without interruption, there is a constant renewal negotiation, Reuther insists on wage increases. Of course he isn't alone in this, practically every other labor leader in the nation does likewise.

Following any increase to labor, there usually is an increase in the selling price of the product of labor produces. In a free economy, such as we have in this country, price increases are inevitable. Higher labor and the cost of materials is on the increase. Well, the White House asks for the application of common sense to this problem and immediately Reuther's Solidarity House takes an opposite viewpoint. Question: In the end, which House do you suppose will win?

A widow, ordering a tombstone to be erected in memory of her dearly departed husband, had this inscription put on it: **REST IN PEACE—TILL I COME**

In a science course, the teacher asked: "Can anyone tell me what nitrate are?"

There was a long pause, then one of the boys timidly raised his hand.

"I'm not exactly sure," he said, "but I know they're cheaper than day rates."

As you may recall, members of the Michigan supreme court were the numerous directly judges throughout the state are supposed to run for election on a non-partisan basis. In the case of the Supreme Court justices, it is true that the two major political parties in the state, namely Democrats and Republicans, each nominate their own candidates at conventions. From then on the several candidates are presumed to run on a non-partisan basis. In theory, of course, this sounds and may even look as though it does not bias the sponsorship and active political support of any organized political movement. In (See THIS & THAT, Page 8-A)

Most people know that filling the stomach with too much of too many varieties of foods can result in physical discomfort. To prevent this, many discipline themselves in the amount of food they eat. Perhaps more important to one's health is the need for great care in what we take into our mental and spiritual selves. Weeding thoughts can eat one's life and living.

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Eccentric's Cooking School Next Week

Herzberg Outlines Business District Improvement Plan

A 17 point program for improving Birmingham's central business district was submitted to plan board members at their monthly meeting last night by City Planner Herbert Herzberg.

Herzberg said the points were "minor features which might be considered for improvement with very little capital outlay involved."

He said he drew up the points in connection with recent discussions on the central business district, and said he felt they should be considered prior to formulating any kind of development scheme.

14. Continue to promote more parking areas whenever or wherever needed.

15. Study the possibility of creating a one-way street system.

16. Study possible alley improvements.

17. Generally add to the program of selling Birmingham as the best place to shop and conduct a business.

HERZBERG said the points are intended only as constructive criticism and should be considered as possible points for future discussion for improvement of the central business district's appearance, serviceability and welfare.

Charles Mortensen, manager of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, said he thought the suggestions were "very good" and agreed with all points except number 15.

He said the Chamber of Commerce, city officials and engineers had made studies of the possibility of having a one-way street system here in the past, but that he felt the consensus was that it would be impractical at this time.

"IT MAY BE practical at some future date when certain changes have been made and certain dead-end streets are cut through," Mortensen said.

Herzberg also told plan board members that he was drawing up a series of maps for the central business district for 1929, 1946, 1952 and 1958.

The first three would be based on aerial photographs taken during those years and the 1958 map would be drawn from present records.

HE SAID land-use patterns gotten from these maps can be evaluated accurately enough to determine growth characteristics for use in future planning.

"The results of such a study cannot be determined now," Herzberg said. "But there may be some interesting features arising from such a study which would prove helpful in the later study of the central business district and its allied land uses."

B'ham Businessmen Win Tax Assessment Ruling

Birmingham's downtown property owners stand to recover more than \$300,000 paid in special assessments for municipal parking lots, according to the reversed ruling of the Supreme Court. This ruling by the Detroit office of the U.S. internal revenue department.

In a letter dated Feb. 13 to City Attorney James L. Howlett, Detroit District Director J. W. Nixon reversed his previous ruling of several weeks ago that the Birmingham exemptions could not be claimed as business deductions.

PROPERTY OWNERS must file their return claims in the next seven weeks on those assessments paid on the city's first parking lot in 1955. Deadline is April 15, 1959. Property owners have a 14 day \$37,724.92 of the \$844,312.20 the city spent on four off-street parking lots constructed since 1955.

Birmingham sought the exemption on the same basis as the one allowed last May on parking lot assessments in Bismarck, N. D.

NIXON FIRST wrote Howlett in January that different sections of the revenue code applied to Bismarck.

Howlett followed up this point, but obtained more details from Bismarck city officials. This additional information was forwarded to Nixon, who then reversed his

Town Hall's 2600 Tickets Are Sell-Out

Only ten days after the announcement of the speakers for its 1959-60 lecture series, Birmingham Town Hall sold its last available season ticket.

Four Town Hall volunteers spent eight to ten hours a day filling orders from the time four of next year's speakers were announced. That was on Thursday, Feb. 5. By Monday morning, Feb. 16, the last of the 2600 season tickets was gone.

A spokesman for the Town Hall board expressed regret that a large number of season ticket requests must be returned unfiled.

THE SUCCESSFUL Town Hall venture was begun five years ago by members of St. Ann's guild of St. James Episcopal church. Only one season left short of a complete season ticket sell-out. The first year after the series became a two-day affair, a few tickets for the Friday lectures were not taken.

The first 2600 individuals to get their applications in this year will hear British economist Barbara Ward, Vincent Price, Mme. Pandit, and Ogden Nash. 2 additional speakers will be announced later. The lectures are held on Thursday and Friday at the Birmingham Theatre.

Incumbents File for Council

In the next nine days if no one else files for election to the Birmingham city commission, voters will go to the polls for practice at the annual city election April 6.

This week the three incumbents filed for terms on the city's legislative body.

Charles W. Renfrew is running for his third three-year term.

WILLIAM H. BURGUM is the only person to date to file for the one-year term resulting from former commissioner William Hutchinson's resignation.

Nominating petitions must be filed by 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at City Clerk Irene Hanley's office. Each petition must contain from 25 to 50 signatures of registered voters.

Petition also was filed for the re-election of Municipal Judge J. C. Emery, Jr.

Associate Judge Edward Emery's term also expires in April. He has indicated he intends to file for re-election.

Eton Rink May Close This Sunday

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Eton park's artificial ice rink may be closed Sunday if the recreation board acts upon Trustee William Allee's recommendation today at the board meeting.

Allee, who has been supervising the rink's budget since board chairman John O'Gorman left on vacation, said the budget will be exhausted this week.

DECLINING attendance and revenues were cited as the best reasons for closing the rink.

Although the city commission offered to maintain the rink for two weeks after the budget was exhausted, Allee said he hesitated to ask the city to run the rink at a loss.

City commissioners approved up to \$1,000 to dismantle the rink. Recreation Director Robert Girardin is expected to present his proposed budget for the 1959-60 fiscal year.

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Arranging for a Front Burner

Birmingham Eccentric's cooking school merchants Carus Schmidt (left) and brother Jim agree to solve Miss Lowe's problem of the most important part of her food demonstrations next week—a stove. Birmingham

How Would Conant Like Our Schools?

How do Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills schools measure up to the recently-released recommendations of noted educator Dr. James Conant?

In a specially prepared article by Special Writer Savilla Sloan, The Birmingham Eccentric will publish next week a comparison of the Conant report with our local schools.

Bloomfield Hills Supt. Eugene L. Johnson and Birmingham Supt. Dwight B. Ireland were asked to evaluate their respective systems with the 10 main points in Conant's report.

In easy-to-follow form, Ireland's and Johnson's resumes are matched point-for-point with the former Harvard university president's standards.

Read this important comparison in next week's Birmingham Eccentric!

City Streets Not Bad As First Feared—Gare

A spot check of Birmingham streets shows them to be in better shape than feared on a previous week's tour, Birmingham City Manager L. R. Gare reported to city commissioners Monday night.

Accompanied by City Engineer Grover Serenbetz, Gare went out during the day Monday for another first hand look.

"Actually, the problem is not as bad as it seemed last week," Gare reported.

HE AND SERENBETZ discovered four sections of arterial streets that will need immediate attention:

W. Maple from Westchester to Cranbrook

Lincoln, Pierce to Southfield

Eton, Maple to Webster

Cranbrook, Maple to Lincoln

"We are trying to patch the worst holes, but we make no promises how long the patches stay in," Gare warned. "The patches go in easy—but many of them seem to come out about as fast because of these unusual weather conditions."

Cranbrook needs immediate resurfacing if the present surface is to be salvaged, Gare said. Cranbrook is a county road.

HE SAID W. Maple traffic was using the road's fly shoulders rather than attempt the jarring bumps.

He said he will ask the county to let Birmingham maintain the Maple surface temporarily, and bill the county for the work.

Some patching the county already has done, Gare said.

How are the oil mat streets? "It's impossible to say," admitted Gare. "The real test will come when the frost leaves the ground. The frost this year is deeper than we've experienced in years. Forty to forty-eight inches now."

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Susan Lowe To Conduct 2 Sessions

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In two duplicate programs next week, hundreds of Birmingham-Bloomfield women will attend The Birmingham Eccentric's cooking school to see and hear a culinary expert demonstrate the newest in tempting food tastes.

She is Susan Lowe, who will conduct two food forums next week in the main auditorium of the Birmingham Community House, Bates at Townsend streets.

MISS LOWE's first session will begin at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24. Her demonstrations will be repeated beginning at 2 p.m. the next afternoon (Wednesday) for those who would rather attend during the day.

Miss Lowe, who has conducted similar cooking schools in many other communities, is popular with homemakers. Her audiences are attracted by her pleasing personality, novel and practical food ideas and her interesting discussions on how to prepare and serve food.

MISS LOWE will charm her audience with stimulating ideas and novel approaches to everyday cooking. Miss Lowe will share her favorite recipes—including all those she demonstrates from the stage—will be available free.

While many of her recipes will be new, Susan Lowe specializes in the kind of cookery that the average woman can use every day, not just on special occasions.

Already Miss Lowe has been working on the "ingredients" she will use in her remarks:

"Measurements carefully. Add heaping cups of understanding. Sift together three times before using. Use generous amounts of time. Look on front matters. Keep temperature low; do not boil. Add dash of humor, a pinch of warm personality and season to taste with wit of life."

SUSAN LOWE promises an interesting two hours for the women who attend. Admission to the cooking school is free.

There will be many prizes awarded the audience at each program's conclusion.

English Clergyman To Talk Sunday At St. James

The Very Rev. Dr. Eric G. Jay of London, England, will be the guest preacher at the 9:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday services at St. James Episcopal church.

Dr. Jay was a chaplain and secretary of the House of Commons in London, England, and was secretary of the Diocese of Canterbury for the past five years. He is presently principal of the Diocesan Theological College at McGill university, Montreal.

In addition, he is a former professor of Theology at London university and was Dean of the cathedral in Nassau.

HE IS COMING to Michigan to conduct a lecture series for the Episcopal clergy of the Diocese of Michigan on Feb. 19 and 20 at Camp Ohiya.

While in Birmingham, he will be staying with Kenneth H. Gass, rector at St. James.

Goblins to Parade Again This Year

Witches, goblins and all the other little masked monsters will be out to drink cider, eat donuts and parade on the city streets this Halloween as they have for the past 22 years.

Paul E. Kurth, president of the Birmingham Chapter of Commerce, announced this week that his organization had voted to take over the annual Halloween party.

The party was formerly handled by a citizens' committee, but the committee resigned its duties last month.

AT THAT TIME Roland Reese, general chairman, said the members felt the organization close to the businessmen sponsoring the party could operate it with improved success.

Kurth said the party would be run the same as it has been in the past, and that Reese would act in an advisory capacity until things were running smoothly.

An old-timer, a fellow who remembers when he took a dollar to work, bought his lunch, a paper, and some tobacco, and came home that night with change in his pocket.

STRICTLY FRESH

Boss is away today. We're going to stay and enjoy every minute of it, even though we're sick enough to go home.

A budget is an accounting procedure that lets you know exactly how much you're over-spending your income.

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Baldwin to Run for State Supreme Court

Attorney William H. Baldwin, 745 Hupp Cross, Bloomfield township and Maurice F. Cole of Ferndale were named to seek State Supreme Court seats at the Republican State convention Feb. 14.

They will oppose Democratic incumbents, George Edwards and Robert Voelker in the April 6 election.

An Air Force veteran of World War II, Baldwin is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law school and served on the prosecuting staff of the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials.