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This and That
by George R. Averill
Why Did Leaders Not Vision Today's Economic Chaos?
When you think deeply on the subject of our domestic economy, with sky-rocketing prices that bear the name of inflation; with the price of commodities that have made goods unable to meet foreign competition; with an increasing unemployment problem; with the inevitable growth of automation—well, you cannot overlook the part that most of our labor leaders have played in this confused mess. Is it not the responsibility of statehood labor—with their organizations wealthy and filled with experts on every phase of economics and politics—that is incumbent upon them to be able to look far enough ahead to foresee that their incessant monetary demands on U. S. industry would produce today's problems?

To be sure, management also must bear its responsibility—but, as we view it, the chief cause of our economic chaos stem from power-hungry politicians who are aided and abetted by equally power-hungry labor leaders. Thus, every increase in the costs of producing American goods that can be matched by less costly foreign goods, further invites U. S. economic disaster. Whenever a nation transforms itself from a free enterprise system to one that intervenes in its economy, with credit increases and higher taxes, commodities and services; if continued, history shows that it ends up as a Welfare (Socialist) State—and that is the final end of economic freedom.

Now that the baseball season again is here, we are reminded of one form of outright theft that is applauded by some people whenever it happens—especially when the home team steals a lot of bases. If each generation of youth did not do something of the courageous spirit, and did not rebel against the world given it by its parents, the world would be a more enviable and a more advanced as it is. So, we exclaim: "Hurray for Youth! May it never lose its zeal to change certain parts of its inheritance... for success, after all, is the means of progress."

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If you ever doubt that you can (or should) seek to improve your thinking so that your life may be uplifted, filled with more "sunshine", just recall the progress mankind has made in putting together man-made materials in the form of an airplane... thus sending him into the air; you press that universal physical laws have more substantial support than God's concern for His children.

Leading off the Birmingham Arts Festival's schedule of events this year will be Eileen Farrell, dramatic soprano who has made musical history in recent years. Miss Farrell will present a special concert at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 10, at the Birmingham Civic Center. Her appearance is sponsored jointly by the Bloomfield Art Association and the Cranbrook Music Guild. It will be Miss Farrell's first concert appearance in the Detroit area since her debut this season at the New York Metropolitan Opera. Her performance at the Metropolitan Opera and in Puccini's "Giocanda" have brought her the title of "the greatest dramatic soprano of our time."

Supervisor, Plan Board Posts Filled
Birmingham city commissioners Monday night re-elected their representatives to the Oakland County Board of Supervisors and named two members to the City Plan Board.

Supervisors are: City Commissioner Carl P. Ingraham, 940 Harmon who is a member of the board's legislative committee; and David Levinson, 2150 Northlawn, who has been chairman of the board's committee on the Means Commission.

Luther Hancock, 304 Hanna, chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. George W. Romney, 1730 Lakewood, chairman of the Welfare Committee. Appointees: F. Harold Mott, 1478 Northlawn, to fill the unexpired term of Norman Adams and resign several weeks ago due to ill health.

CHARLES E. KASS, 1928 Chestnut, was appointed to fill the unexpired plan board term of Robert Page, who resigned Monday night to devote more time and effort to his city commission post. Kass will serve on the board for a full three-year term beginning July 1 on the plan board.

Page was elected commissioner in the April 3 election, while Kass had his bid for re-election to the library board. Page's fellow commissioners accepted resolution endorsing "the certificate of appreciation for his efforts on the plan board; that he be elected to the board since 1953 and chairman in 1960, said in his letter of resignation: "I have a desire to devote a major part of my life to the service of my country and to the affairs of the city commission."

"... I BELIEVE that because of the enthusiasm and selfless efforts of my present and former colleagues, the city commission, the administration and commission, the period during which he served will be remembered as a period of achievement and success. He cited such accomplishments as revision of the zoning ordinance, the creation of a municipal parking lot program and initiation of projects to develop a comprehensive plan for Birmingham. "To participate in these efforts," he declared, "has been rewarding in experience and has been most stimulating."

100 YEARS AGO
First Week of War Brings Celebrations

By LON K. SAVAGE
Special Writer
"We shall crush out this rebellion as an elephant would trample on a mouse," said a New York publisher 100 years ago this week when he predicted the end of the Civil War. He was exactly right. The war was exactly eight days longer than he had predicted. It was the Confederacy, "Not a man for coercion but 60,000 for defense of our rights and of our way of life," Missouri's governor called Lincoln, "the greatest of our nation's heroes" (but his state would not join the Confederacy, sent troops to fight for the federal army in North Carolina, which had not yet joined the Confederacy, sent troops to fight for the federal army in Maryland, where the governor sympathized with the rebels, there was no offer for troops.

Finally, from Virginia came the news that Jefferson Davis on the night of April 17 Virginia seceded from the United States. No sooner had these decisions been made when the first fatalities were reported to the federal army at Harper's Ferry, Va. and withdrew leaving it to the Virginians. The next day Lincoln proclaimed a blockade of the entire Confederate coast. And on that same day bloodshed (See CIVIL WAR, 5-A)

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Eileen Farrell First Arts Festival Attraction
conductors as Bruno Walter, Eugene Ormandy and the late Arthur Toscanini. In 1958, she was the first singer to create the difficult role of "Medea" on any American opera stage.

YET CRITICS have said Miss Farrell's voice is equally effective when she belts out blues and jazz renditions that excite audiences. Time magazine said of her, "If she ever quits serious music, she might become the country's best jazz singer."

After her triumph as Medea, she felt she was ready to divide her career between the concert and opera stage. She appeared with the San Francisco and other opera companies before joining the Metropolitan Opera. She has since then, she has become a 200,000-a-year concert artist, averaging 60 concerts a season. She has appeared in orchestra performances with such world-famous

Romney, Ketchum Con-Con Candidates

A Birmingham woman and a Bloomfield Hills man who long have been staunch supporters of a constitutional convention have announced they will be candidates for Con-Con delegate seats. They are: George W. Romney, 1730 Lakewood, Bloomfield Hills, CPM state chairman. Mrs. Ketchum seeks Republican nomination to call a constitutional convention in Oakland County's third district.

2 Debaters Compete for State Title

Two Seaholm High School seniors, Linda Wells and Lorraine Shadoff, will represent the school in the state debating championship Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Rackham Building auditorium, Ann Arbor. The girls, members of the school debating team, will be matched against a team from Jackson High School. The topic will be "Resolved: That the United Nations Should Be Significantly Strengthened."

CHARLES THUMSER is the debating coach at Seaholm. The girls have debated teams throughout the state, emerging as the semi-finalists as championship contenders in Division A, one of two divisions participating in the contest.

Rouge Pollution Case Is Dropped

A show cause order against Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township for pollution of the River Rouge has been dismissed by Oakland Circuit Judge R. Stuart Hatfield. The State Water Resources Commission had started the action against the three municipalities in August, 1958. The case had been pending since 1958.

Early Deadline In Effect for Our Next Issue

Because of an event of community-wide interest, The Birmingham Eccentric will publish Wednesday next week instead of Thursday. This means that early deadlines must be observed. To be published in the April 26 issue, all NEWS, CLASSIFIED AND DISPLAY ADVERTISING copy must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, April 24.

and the scholarship and gift fund. The Cranbrook Music Guild. The Art Association was founded four years ago, to provide an outlet for the fostering of artistic talents, expression and enjoyment in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

Dealers' Cars on Sidewalks During Festival

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scholarship to an outstanding student of one Michigan's schools of music. Miss Farrell's performance will be a prelude to the fourth annual Birmingham Arts Festival, scheduled from June 17 through 25. The festival, which began as a project of the Bloomfield Arts Association, has become a community-wide effort. Organizers and individuals from the entire Birmingham-Bloomfield area now participate in the annual event, which includes art exhibitions, demonstrations and a nightly program of dramatic music, or dance recitals. Tickets will be available after April 26 at Grinnell's and Marty's Records shops.

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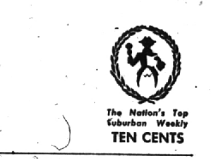
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WANT TO "turn Woodward into an avenue of Hucksters." "I feel sure that if we were asked to permit someone to display tables and cabbages in front of their stores we would say no. I see no reason to treat this group differently than any others." Mayor Willett suggested that the local dealers stage their sales campaign the last week of April and the first week in May and thus give the commission time to work out a solution. BUT TURNER felt that to be successful the campaign would have to be geared to the "thousands of dollars" of free advertising and publicity being directed at the dealers on an area-wide basis between now and the end of the month. Pages, who is a Ford Motor Co. executive, felt the alternatives for the dealers were "not so horrible that you can't live with the present ordinance." He felt that putting cars on sidewalks would not substantially aid car sales.