

**STONE ASKED TO ATTEND SESSION**

**Invited To Commission Meeting Following Recent Letter**

In response to Mr. Harry Stone's letter in the last issue of the Eccentric, in which he criticized city expenditures, the city commission here instructed the city manager to address a letter to Mr. Stone inviting him to attend a meeting of the commission and discuss the points he raised in his letter.

The letter to Mr. Stone reads as follows:  
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM MICHIGAN  
Feb. 25, 1936

Mr. Harry A. Stone,  
547 Rivenoak Avenue,  
Birmingham, Michigan

Dear Mr. Stone:  
The City Commission, having noted your communication addressed to The Eccentric, has instructed me to write you inviting you to the commission meeting of next Monday evening, March 2nd, or any other Monday evening at your convenience, to discuss with you any of the questions you have raised or any others you may see fit to ask. If you have constructive suggestions bearing on the operation of city affairs, they would be glad to get them. Information as to the operation of the city is always available and the commission would be very glad to see you and discuss the whole question. Very truly yours,  
J. W. Parry,  
City Manager.



Shown above is the new residence of Dr. David Lewis of this city. He recently purchased this beautiful home, located in Oak Knob sub-division on Orchard

**MOTOR FIRM GIVEN CHIEF PONTIAC PICTURE**

Chief Pontiac, the great Ottawa Indian, has been portrayed on canvas in a splendid life-sized oil painting which was presented to the Pontiac Motor Company by the citizens of Pontiac recently as a token of esteem in which the people of that city hold the motor company.  
Completed about two months ago, the picture is the work of the well-known artist, Jerry Farnsworth. A penny subscription campaign resulted in almost 30,000 of them being collected.

**Rambling Reverie**  
E. G. W.

Meandering: If the "boss" sees this, he'll delete it, sure's your'n born. Of course he's right about the GOP being a grand old party and all that, but we who you could have heard GRA explain the effect laughing has on you... He says, says he, that when we need to walk around on all fours our "inards" were allowed proper room, as nature intended... but when we stood erect, then, says he, we cramped ourselves considerably and... hope this quoting is right... as a result we have to laugh lots to shake ourselves up and be healthy... and, says he, again, that is what is good for you... What's more... he tries to make us believe it by referring to some author dead these many years, his works lost to posterity... just between us, betera GRA has been reading some stuff by them there new-fangled aralyt's. And that reminds us... we'd 'near alright on all fours if we had kept that dirty look the lady in the brown sedan gave us the other day when we bumped into the back of her car... Since all of us have been complaining about the call it might be well to recall that Mark Twain once said, "Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it"... In India, widows in some tribes throw themselves on the dead mate's funeral pyre... burned up over their husband's passing out... to speak... cheerily!

Master Marking: Michelangelo Buonaroti, Michelangelo, to you, believed himself the greatest artist of all time and resented any suggestion to the contrary, not to mention criticism. Pope Julius II, ordered him to paint "The Last Judgement" on the walls of the Sistine chapel in the Vatican at Rome for four days and weeks the great artist labored. When the masterpiece was nearing completion, the Pope, accompanied by his private art critic, came to view the work. The virtuoso remarked that the depiction of nude figures in a house of God was not appropriate.

Infringed by that statement, Michelangelo suit himself in that chapel and worked continuously until he had completed the painting. When the Pope and others came to view it, there, near the bottom of the wall in the space that represented Hell, was the exact likeness of the critic, a huge snake wrapped around his body to conceal his nakedness. The critic has remained untouched to this day.

Incidentally, Michelangelo always said, in referring to his sculpturing, that the statue was in the marble block and that he simply chiseled the rock away and there it was.

Miscellaneous: Legend lingers on about the old German boatman who, 800 years ago, tried to convert heathens into christians while ferrying them across the Rhine. Once, it is said, he turned on an astonished traveller, asked him if he was a baptised christian and, receiving a reply in the negative, promptly immersed his victim. The boatman, fearing that the conversion might not endure, then heaved the man overboard, leaving him to drown so that his soul would be sure to reach Heaven.

That same night, so goes the legendary tale, the dead soul returned and thanked the old ferryman warmly for sending it to Heaven. As a result, the boatman continued to harbor his doubts daily regarding conversion to the christian faith. Finally, churchmen of the region rebuked him for his tactics whereupon he promptly hung his hat on a sunbeam to prove his divine right to duck his passengers, if and when he saw fit.

It is said that for many years afterwards, travellers on other boats fervently crossed themselves and prayed when nearing the spot where the old German ran his ferry.

Mischievous: In Westminster Abbey is the famous coronation chair, where for many generations Kings and Queens of England have been crowned.

Once, on a bet, a Westminster school boy undertook to spend the night in the chair of destiny. He hid until the place was closed, then climbed into the chair and slept. Before the light of dawn was fully streaming through the age old portals the young vandal took his clasp knife and in bold letters carved, "Peter Abbott Slept In This Chair July 5 and 6, 1890" on the back of the stately chair. The defacing is still evident to this day.

The new King Edward's coronation will take place in this chair sometime within the next year, probably.

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The unprecedented cold weather prevailing throughout the northern part of the United States has created an unnatural situation in connection with normal ground freezing. This situation, entirely beyond the control of the Company, may affect some gas lines because of the record depth to which frost is penetrating the ground in certain localities.

We say "it may" — we don't know, because a happening of this sort is controlled entirely by the elements and cannot be foreseen. But because instances have arisen where frost has caused leaks in gas lines — we issue this word of warning as a precaution.

IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY SUSPICION OF THE ODOR OF GAS IN YOUR HOME OR PLACE OF BUSINESS, DO TWO THINGS:

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- 2 CALL CONSUMERS POWER CO. — OUR SERVICE DEPT. IS ON DUTY NIGHT AND DAY — AND AN INSPECTION WILL BE MADE.

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