

Most of the intolerance in the world is due to prejudice. Prejudices are generally the fruits of clouded vision. One is entitled to his own belief; if it is a strong belief, by their fruits shall ye know them. It is far easier to love your enemies out of their hate than to hate them into more.

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## CITY PERSONNEL EXCESSIVE SAYS STONE IN REPLY

Points Out Reduction Is Possible In Three Departments

In answer to city manager James W. Parry's suggestion, published in the Eclectic last week, that he visit the Commission and offer suggestions and criticisms relative to local costs of government, Harry A. Stone, of Rivenoak avenue, this week sent the following letter to Mr. Parry:

Feb. 27, 1936  
Mr. J. W. Parry,  
City Manager,  
Birmingham, Mich.  
Dear Mr. Parry:

Acknowledging your letter of February 25th, there is no necessity of my attending the Commission Meeting next Monday evening nor any Monday evening at this time as the questions I wrote to Mr. Averill, Editor of the Eclectic, were answered in last week's issues fully, excepting one, that is, "Did the collection of delinquent taxes justify the payment to a collector at the rate of \$1800 per year?"

I am not a student of good government, but I, together with a great number of our taxpayers, have wondered where our tax money is being spent. The payroll listed in the Eclectic shows this clearly and I have no complaint with certain salaries that are paid in fact, it looks to me as though the heads of the departments were not being paid enough, particularly in your office, as City Manager, have been appointed to carry out that trust by the voters

When you gentlemen of the Commission were elected, you assumed a trust and you, as City Manager, have been appointed to carry out that trust by the voters

## PONTIAC TEAM IS DEFEATED, 54-45

Local All-Stars Display Perfect Form To Win Fast Contest

The Birmingham Y. M. C. A. All-Stars in a fast and exciting game on the Baldwin Court Tuesday night upset the General Motors Truck team, the leaders in the Pontiac league, by a score of 54 to 45. Birmingham got away to a good start, Norton tossing three baskets in a row. The Birmingham team, although they had not played together, showed good team work and accurate shooting. McElroy was the high point man of Birmingham with a total of 15 points, and accurate shooting. McElroy followed by Norton with 12.

The other local players in the game were Banyan, Cox, (Luce) Street, Harty, Cox, Stuck and Hunt played a fine defensive game.

The high point man of the game was Talbot of General Motors, who had 18 tallies. Matthews secured 11 for the visitors and Creevey 9 points. The visiting team played a smart brand of basketball but failed to keep pace with the local sharpshooters.

The second team of the General Motors Company saved themselves in the way of laurels for the Pontiac representatives by capturing the initial contest with the local openers by a score of 30 to 28.

The DeMolay and Williams will play the first game at 7:30 and the league leaders, Sline's, will play the Hill Billies at 8:00. Both games can be seen at small cost and a fast game of basketball is assured.

Following the preliminaries, the winning teams will meet Thursday night, March 12, for the championship of the Y. M. C. A. League.

## FREE INSTRUCTION OFFERED BY WATTS

Free instruction in badminton given by Quaron school starting at 8:30 o'clock Thursday evening, March 12, according to Gordon A. Watts, of Watts' Health Studio, West Maple avenue.

The instruction period will last from 8:30 o'clock to 9:30 o'clock, evening thereafter, he said.

"I have been doing some research on the subject of badminton, and am starting two free classes in the interest of good health," stated Mr. Watts, "I am an experienced tennis and squash player, and have served as wrestling coach at Wayne University and Auburn College, as well as assistant fencing instructor at the University of Michigan."

Women, as well as men, are invited to the free classes.

## Methodist Men To Hold Open Dinner

Dr. Robert Kelso To Talk On "Youth and Leisure" at Meeting

The Men's Brotherhood of the Methodist Church announces an open Family Dinner to be held in the Church Parlor, at 4:30 o'clock tomorrow, Friday evening, March 6. The Brotherhood has induced Dr. Robert W. Kelso to return and discuss "Youth and Leisure" in a more full and thorough address at this evening dinner.

Dr. Kelso is Director of the University of Michigan School of Research, and is a most instructive and entertaining speaker. His topic leads directly into those questions which are so puzzling for most of us today. Dr. Kelso is a recognized leader in modern social thought and with it combines a rare measure of sound common sense.

The ladies of the church will serve a dinner, nominally paid. Everyone interested in a discussion of social questions, especially school teachers, are urged to attend. Those who cannot be present for the dinner will be welcome to hear Dr. Kelso's address, beginning at 7:45 o'clock.

Hurry Up  
"I think marriages are really made in heaven, don't you?" "Well, if all men took as long to propose as you, most of them would have to be."

Surviving are his widow, Annie P. and two daughters, Mrs. Louis Hasall and Mrs. Clinton Sears, both of Birmingham. It was stated that Mrs. Haidichowitz and Mrs. Sears will accompany the remains North, arriving in Detroit this morning general of the Marquis and Private Peat, who served overseas with the first Canadian contingent and later, wrote the book "Private Peat" meet in a stirring discussion of the war message. The two famous speakers have been secured by the Oakland County Teachers' Institute.

Both the general and the private veterans who have seen war at its darkest and bloodiest, approach the problem of preserving peace from different viewpoints. General Butler calls for a ruckus which can be wiped out by legislation while Private Peat calls for armed conflict, a habit, a tradition and a state of mind. Education, rather than legislation, will eradicate the ruckus, says the former Canadian soldier.

It is necessary for a petitioner to secure not less than 25 nor more than 50 signatures for his petition. It is then returned to the city clerk for checking. If it found to contain bona fide names, the applicant is given until March 31st to accept the nominating petition. His name is entered on the April ballot if he accepts.

Black Predominates In Choice For Car Colors  
Nationally, black is still the most popular color for new cars. Gray tones are second in popularity. Different sections of the country exhibit marked variations in their color preferences.

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## Butler And Peat To Discuss War Issue March 11

A double-barrelled blast against the approaching threat of war will be delivered Wednesday evening, March 11th, at the Royal Oak Hotel, General Auditorium, Royal Oak, when Gen. Smedley D. Butler, famous fighting general of the Marquis and Private Peat, who served overseas with the first Canadian contingent and later, wrote the book "Private Peat" meet in a stirring discussion of the war message.

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## Fifth Duplicate Bridge Match Is Enjoyed Monday

Mrs. Constance Sills and Mrs. Stanton Clark were the North-South team winning first place in the fifth of the regular Monday night contract bridge series of duplicate matches held at the Community House. The East-West pair composed of Mrs. Ted Weller and Miss Adeline Cooke were the winners in their division.

A Pontiac men's pair came over to participate in the evening's play, which was marked by many interesting hands. Mrs. Mary-Lewis Fletcher is sponsoring the series of local tournaments while Mr. Everett Judson has charge of the matching. The tourney scheduled for next Monday will start promptly at 8:15 o'clock, it was stated.

## Masonic Organization To Hold Dance March 20

Birmingham's Masonic Temple organization will hold their Spring Dance at the West Bloomfield Township Hall on Friday, March 20, at 8:30 o'clock that evening, according to a recent announcement. The dance will be held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Drexler from Pontiac has been secured for the affair. It was stated that very nominal for the night is charged to attend the informal dance. The groups sponsoring the dance include the Blue Lodge, DeMolay Star and The Chapter.

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By these tests this bank is willing to be judged. We believe our record merits the confidence and respect of this community.

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