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Editorials

They Said "It Couldn't Be Done"—But They Did It

In Farmington within the last few days has appeared a strange sight, one that might well have been thought impossible, from things we were told not so long ago. Back last summer, when people of Farmington and the entire Grand River area were actively agitating the matter of better bus service between Farmington and Redford at lower cost the reply that always came back was that the fare could not be lowered. It was frequently pointed out that the vehicles in use, big and costly (in the long-past days when they were new) buses of about 30-passenger capacity, were too large for the needs of the line and that one possibility for lowering the fare might lie in using a smaller car that would cost less to maintain. The answer to that invariably was that a smaller vehicle would cost as much to operate as a larger one, that the company had no smaller ones and no money with which to buy any—and therefore it just "couldn't be done."

It happens that the same company, the Eastern Michigan System, operates the Pontiac-Ann Arbor line. The buses on that line have been of somewhat smaller size than the Farmington-Redford bus (popularly known as "the freight car"). But now, with traffic quite evidently insufficient for even that size of bus, the operating company found a way. A few days ago there began running on the Pontiac-Ann Arbor line passenger sedans, of quite recent model and natively painted in the company's colors, blue and white. It couldn't be done—but they did it.

Now it may just be possible that the company thinks a trifle more of the Pontiac-Ann Arbor line than it does of the Farmington-Redford run, which it might even yield up without too much protest, leaving their Lansing-Detroit through buses to provide what might be called "service" between Farmington and Redford. Not that the Pontiac-Ann Arbor line, from appearances, makes money. Rather, it would seem that it must be pretty much of a losing proposition, but as a connecting line it is a "feeder," and unless we are mistaken, the transportation systems have to "take the bitter with the sweet"; that is, they have to maintain the connecting lines in order to keep those on the franchisees that do pay. So the Pontiac-Ann Arbor link is probably valuable from that standpoint, while the Farmington-Redford line, as it has been run (down), is like as not pretty much of a headache, to use a common phrase.

The trouble is that the headache continues and not one bit more for the company than for the people who live along Grand River. The pain merely becomes the more acute and discomforting when one observes that on Grand River "it couldn't be done," but elsewhere—they did it.

Wheeler From Wheeling

Two brothers of Detroit City College, one of whom has visited several times in Farmington, will start this month a trip through numerous European countries, travelling thousands of miles on bicycles. It seems more than a mere coincidence that before leaving for Europe they should drop off at their home town, and that its name should be Wheeling, W. Va.

A Greater Task

A score of Farmington men sat astonished one noon-hour last week at Northville as they saw wonders that science is able to perform through "the electric eye," one of the real marvels of the age. With it the demonstrator accomplished things that made the "eyes" seem almost human, my more, for it "saw" much that the human eye could not detect, and reacted to those phenomena.

To those witnessing such a performance, however, there comes inevitably in these times a troublesome question. If there exists among men, scientists and learned scholars, the intelligence and knowledge and ability to develop these things and perform all these miracles before our eyes, why should not human beings also be able to so arrange our life and the society we live in that the miseries through which the world is passing would not have to be? Why is it that men can work such wonders in science and yet in the greatest science of all, that of so ordering our lives that we live in peace, happiness and comfort, we are so little removed from barbarism, with men, women and children starving on every hand? We invent and build machines whereby we produce more than we can eat, wear, live in and ride in, and yet most of the world's population is without an adequate supply of those things, of which we are told there is already "too much."

Science might go on endlessly devising these miraculous things, but it will not, unless something that might now seem to us miraculous, is achieved soon in the organizing of life. It is quite possible that if something of the kind is not accomplished, chaos may come first and put an end to scientific miracles, among other things we know today.

Put To Good Use

The new practice of outdoor advertising companies' making vacant signboards decorative with odd designs, mostly without working, gives the billboards a more pleasing aspect than would just the blank spaces. The designs, enigmatic though some of them may be, are not so unartistic. But one wonders why Americans are so often

less quick to make the best advantage of what they have—one almost said, less saving—than peoples of other countries.

The Canadians, for instance, do not waste empty billboard space by just painting on it a hand holding a torch, or a half dozen interlocking rectangles, and let it go at that. In Canada, the boards that would otherwise be vacant are put to good use for a purpose, to carry messages urging safety in driving, care in crossing railroads and the like. There are enough of them so utilized to make a genuine impression on the driver in a day's travel, if ours could be called truly artistic, and thus be claimed to, possess some real aesthetic value, then one might argue well for them. But since they do not, it seems that our neighbors to the north have made better use of the same materials and opportunities, and in a worth-while cause, than we have done.

But that is not unusual. As America is indisputably the country of the world that is "the land of opportunity," so it seems sometimes too that it is also the land where the most opportunities and energies are wasted. But perhaps the two go hand in hand.

CHURCHES

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. James J. Callahan, Pastor

Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.
Daily mass at 8:00.

Baptist Church
Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:10 Prayer Service.
10:30 Morning worship with a message by the Pastor.
11:45 Bible School. We have classes for all ages.
6:30 Young Peoples Hour.
7:30 Evangelistic service, "Man Is Inexcusable Before God." Our orchestra will play during the song service.

Our aim is to be a church with a message. All the people in this trying hour of national and individual life, come worship with us.

Clarenceville Methodist Church
O. J. Lyons, Minister

10:00 Morning worship.
11:00 Church School.

Abraham Lincoln will be the subject of Rev. O. J. Lyons' address next Sunday morning in the Clarenceville Methodist Church. The men's club will be guests and the young men's glee club will sing.

Mrs. Millard Fillmore, director of religious education of the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Detroit will address the Sunday School conference Monday night, February 13 at the Methodist Church.

Methodist Church
Rev. P. C. Johnson, Minister

"Salt and Light" will be the theme of the sermon which Rev. Johnson will deliver Sunday morning, based on the Sermon of the Mount. He will also preach at the evening service.

Sunday school meets at noon and Young People's Club at 6:30. Prayer Service meets at 7:30 each Wednesday evening in the Club room.

Next Thursday at 2:30 p. m. the General Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. S. D. Harger. All ladies are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Official Board will be held Tuesday evening at the church instead of last week, due to the Exchange club banquet.

Evangelical Church
E. Niderhoffer, Pastor

10:15 a. m. Divine Service. Text: St. John 7:14-19. Topic: "Proving Our Deeds." The choir will sing: "Wait on the Lord," Mrs. Edgar, organist.

11:15 a. m. Sunday School. Mr. Erskine W. Evans, Superintendent. A hearty welcome to all the services.

WEST POINT PARK

Mr. and Mrs. James Eastman entertained the Scotch Eight "500" club Friday evening at their home.

Miss Harriett Carpenter of Redford was the guest Thursday and Friday of her aunt Mrs. Charles Gilbert.

Mrs. Emergent Ault entertained the Ladies of the Linking Club at a dinner Thursday of this week.

The Home Economics sewing club met Monday at the home of Mrs. W. H. Woodworth, and will meet again this month on February 27th at the home of Mr. John Mercer on Seven Mile Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Joyce of Detroit were guests Wednesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert.

Miss Ann Beckman of Detroit was the week-end guest of Miss Shirley Zwalhen.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kacy of Detroit were guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Mrs. L. B. Gilbert, Sr., attended a stock shower Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Nicholas Shoman in honor of Mrs. J. Spindelmann. Lunch was

NOVI NEWS

Mrs. J. O. Munro

Bob Shoup has been suffering with a lame arm the past week. Donald Munro attended Farmer week at Lansing.

Mrs. Burton Munro received word that her sister, Mrs. Emma Harding, is very sick and has gone to the hospital at St. Louis, Mo. Josh Root is on the sick list with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Munro and grandson, Mr. Lawrence Fox and the latter's two little daughters, of Vassar were visitors of Larnie Munro over the week end. "Uncle Dan" and "Aunt Nellie" will stay over a few days. The former is in good health and very spry considering that he is past 90 years of age.

Hilda McAvoy and Percy Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Russell were married Saturday at 10:30 a. m. at St. James church in Ferndale, by Rev. J. E. O'Brien. They came afterward to her mother's, Mrs. McAvoy at Novi, where a party was held in honor of the occasion. About 40 were present. Dancing and music with lunch were the main features. The music was furnished by the Gotro family orchestra of five pieces, piano, guitar, violin, bass and snare drums.

The M. E. Ladies Aid will serve supper at the Novi M. E. church Friday night.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Hattie Simmons Wednesday.

The Mission Band will meet Thursday for an all-day meeting with Mrs. L. L. Granzon.

Novi School News

The list of pupils on the Honor Roll for the month of January is as follows: Primary Department: Wilma Chafy, Margaret Ann Ehl, Bernice Sperkowski, Thelma Gove, Harold Drouillard, Gertrude Nash, Dorothy Stubbe, Eddy Balyo, Barbara Spicer, Evelyn Wenker, Jean Munro.

Intermediate Department: Thelma Kent, Samuel Pack, Charles Tricky, Nina Rose Wenker, Doris Shinn, Marjorie Peole, Irene Kenner, Marian Lorian, Raymond Beatty, Raymond Sperkowski.

High School: Edwin Hill, Marvin Trotter, and Dorothea Kent.

The soup for hot lunches at the school was furnished by Mrs. Bowman and Mrs. Hanson last week. Mrs. Gaffney and the local W. C. T. U. will donate soup this week.

The cast for the play, "Lookin' Lovely" which will be presented in March has been selected as follows: Fernumum, Dorothea Kent; Winnie, Bordine; Dan Granzow; Amarilla, Laura Tol-etene; Clythie, Elenore Hill; Buddie, Billy Hanson; Jennie, Margaret Pratt; Spaced, Hawkins, Bayne Pratt; Esther, Dorothy Tyler; Bill Baker, Lloyd Holmes; Jim Dugan, Frederick Johnston; Cholly, Gerald Trotter; Moe, Elmer Olette.

The High School led in the percentage of attendance for last month with 95.1 per cent. The average for the school was 89%. The number of tardy cases was reduced somewhat because of a series of after school conferences with those who have been repeatedly tardy.

ENGINEERS MEET

Ann Arbor, Mich.—More than 500 highway engineers, traffic experts and officials concerned with road building and management will meet at the University of Michigan Union on February 14, 15 and 16 for the nineteenth annual Michigan Highway Engineering Conference, according to Professor Roger L. Morrison of the University, directing the meeting.

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served and many gifts received. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert, son Charles J. were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Weiss in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorheis and son Donald were Sunday dinner guests of the former's father Ernest Voorheis in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Ault visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Lewis Graham, in Ann Arbor hospital last Thursday. Mrs. John Aittama is recovering from a severe case of influenza.

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