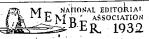
## The Farmington Enterprise

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#### A Disgraceful Episode

The incident which had its location, in Farmington, when stage performers spent half of a night standing around in this little town after their bus had been stopped by Public Utilities Commission officials, emphasizes again that some vigorous and thoroughgoing action should be taken in regard to the business of highway transportation. Some genuine and effective steps, if necessary amounting to a complete overhauling and transformation of our system of dealing with the motor truck and the motor bus is very much in order and sorely needed.

It may be essential that our whole conception of common-carrier 'highway traffic undergo a change. Already the more farseeing have proclaimed that we must have a unifical transportation system, bringing together in the most efficient way the railroad, the motor unit and the airplane.

Some railroad men who are possessed of real vision have already seen to it that their railroads have gone into the highway transportation business. They are not content to rant at their annoying con

tation outsiness. They are not content to rant at their annoying competitor—they go along with progress.

But while this unification is on the way, since it will take some years to accomplish, there is a good deal that needs to be done at once. The spectacle of a bus concern being able to engage to take a scora of men and women on a journey of 150 miles at night, and having these people turned out into the cold after travelling only 20 miles, unable to obtain adequate shelter and warmth, is a disgrace. It might be argued that the mere fact that the illegal agreement was detected is evidence that there is supervision and effective regulation, but this is not tenable. The bus should never have been allowed to start on the journey, and with the right kind of regulation, the whole arrangement would never have been possible. Imagine a railroad contracting to run a train over a set of tracks other than its own, or which it had no permission or authorization to run, to fulfill a sur reptitious and unlawful agreement! Impossible, one knows, and that is just that it should be for the buses and trucks whose "tracks" do not belong to the owners of these vehicles, but to the people.

There is just cause for indignation in the treatment of the un-fortunate stage folk who suffered hours of cold and inconvenience. This is merely one disturbing incident. There has for some time been just cause for indignation on the part of the whole people regarding the entire business of motor transportation.

#### The Hindu Temples Are Silent and Dark

That the Depression has not been without its benefits to som is frequently remarked. Changes have come so thick and fast that one is breathless most of the time trying to keep up with them. Nearly all these changes affect, or will in time affect most of us. That they

will ultimately bring us to something better is everyone's hope.
Yet here and there some have actually found the shortage of money a boon to them. There is, for instance, the smaller theater operator. Many who struggled along just making things go during the prosperous years, sometimes having a hard fight of it, have

the prosperous years, sometimes naving a hard tight of it, have found that much of their trouble has melted away.

Some dozen years ago, as theperiod arrived when the modies began giving the legitimate stage some of the terrific blows that almost—but not quite—have sunk the latter, there came in the voque of the "mosting values" have a labeless had that the stage of the prosperious pales. of the "movie palace." Many a playhouse had that word as its name, but now the big men of vision of the theater had started out to make out now the big men of vision of the character of the cach house a real palace, whether that prened to bear that title or not. Nothing but the most lavish splendor would do.

Every new theater (and they sprang up like mushrooms) had to be done in the most extravagant, elaborate style. Money rolling in to the amusement coffers had to be scattered forth to bring in more the amusement coffers had to be scattered forth to bring in more money, as the neck-stretching populace flocked downtown to the Hindu and the Malay temples, the American Indian pueblos, the Oriental grottoes. What truly beautiful playhouses of dignity, restraint and good taste might have been constructed at a fraction of the cost, and remain today as aramiles of quiet readmine continuous. the cost, and remain today as examples of quiet, enduring, soothing and restful beauty, instead of presenting now a mere mockery of the free-spending days that are no more.

But the mobs that flocked in had to be not merely impressed with beauty, but overawed by an atmosphere of luxury and unlimited spending ("gorgeousness"). The twenty dollar a week clerk had to be spending ("gorgeousness"). Its twenty dunt a west twenty the brought into a lobby which made him feel like he was a millionaire, simply to be walking through it. Inside the inner door he was, of course, promptly set in his place by a young gentlemen dressed up to look like George Washington, in blue silk coat, white tights, and a white wig, the strictest article of this young man's behavior manual being that he must never speak—he must only point. Regardless of being that he must never speak—he must only point. Regardless of what was asked of him, he must never open his lips. He need not, could not in fact be ordinarily courteous. He could only lift his chin in supercillous fashion and point—or lose his job. Inside were a horde of girl ushers dressed up to look like Salvation Army lassies might if the Army were auddenly to give up its noble work to be subsidized by some eccentric millionaire, with white slik skirts and blue slik caps; they waved "gold" wands to indicate where the humble customers, who had been herded for half an hour or more with hundreds of other similar sheep between types and brass stanchions in the lobby, might slink into sests in the grateful darkness. We didn't dreds of other similar sheep between types and whose statement the lobby, might slink into sests in the grateful darkness. We didn't realize it at the time, of course, but the movies that had built fortunes because they offered entertainment at low cost to millions who could not afford the theater, had steadily jacked up the prices

to meet the cost of this splendor, and now were collecting 85 cents he experimenters in the legitimate theafer with good plays at \$1.26 a seat could have put over their idea and kept going for a doze

But the gilt-and-gold movie era has gone, and the temples with their fountains are as silent as the Hindu images that look down

on the lobbies and foyers.

The big fellow is busted and the little fellow has come back. Wit admission price attuned to the times, he's packing them in.
At the Great Lakes, for instance, down on Grand River, which

is far above the ordinary "neighborhood theater" class with its seating of over two thousand, but whose owners, Detroit men, exer cised some restraint, the playhouse is filled every night in the week There's good reason,—admission a quarter, and one's money's worth with a full and diversified program, often including two "feature" pictures; the ushers are courteous young men dressed in modes uniforms and actually seem human. The owner and his sons run th place and work hard. There are no Malay archipelagos or Hind oracles, no Moorish castles or Azted temples. It may not be only hard times. It might possibly be that peopl

are just a little bit sick of this kind of artificiality as they are tire of many others—the business geniuses, the industrial princes, th boy wonders of finance who talked only in hundreds of millions. I it's true, maybe we're making progress after all:

#### And They Call It A Banquet

A bulletin sent out from an agricultural organization head quarters began with these words: "The first annual rat banquet wi be held on," etc. We've heard of the Chinese eating bird's nests, an some other race eating snails, and they were even saying a few years were eating gophers. But we didn't know that here in Michigan, even with the banks closed, we had got so far that people would gather from miles around to eat . . . . and calling it a "banquet" besides

Our Lady of Serrows Church Rev. John J. Larkin, Pastor

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

Baptist Church Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pasto

10:10 Prayer Service.
10:30 Morning Worship with
fr. Obed Stuckey speaking.
11:45 Bible School with classes
or all ages.
6:30 Young People's Hour with
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the Devotional Commission conducting the service.

7:30 Great Evangelistic service
with Mr., and Mr. Obed Stuckey
in charge. Mr. Stuckey will preach
on "Calvary's Dividing Cross."
Every one should hear this message. Come early if you want to
get a seat. Last Sunday the entire
building was packed.

Sunday's services will mark the
conclusion of the special meetings.
Every one is invited to come Friday night, March 17, as this will
be Sunday School night.

Clarenceville Methodist Church O. J. Lyon, Minister

10:00 Morning worship. 11:00 Church school. 6:30 Epworth League.

Methodist Church F. C. Johnson, Minister

F. C. Johnson will begin Rev. F. C. Johnson will begin the last group of messages on The Sermon on the Mount, next Sunday morning. At noon the Sunday School meets as usual and at 6:30 the Young Peoples Club will again be led by the Pastor on 'Creative Living.' Sunday evening he will discuss 'The Search for Truth' at 7:30 Sunday evening a different type of service will be used in the form of an open 'Coxford Group' meeting. Everyone is cordially invited to attend all services.

#### Evangelical Church

CHANCERY SALE

# FARMINGTON ACRES

Mr. and Mrs. William Foster Mrs. Neil Byron and John Foster of Weeler, Michigan visited D. E. Sherwood and children of Edward of Weeler, Michigan visited D. E. Sherwood and children of Edward Avenue and their daughter and sister, Mrs. I. E. Sherwood, who was taken to the University Hoppital in Jan Arbor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hebit and children visited the latter's mother Mrs. Odclzak in Detroit, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyte were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Youngs, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Nagel, Mr. and Mrs. How Mrs. Hollister of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. How the Mrs. Hollister of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy are the new families who have recently, moved among us.

Mrs. Borothy Love of Novi and Wiss Virginia Seebaldt were week end guests of Miss Grace Mellister.

Mrs. Stanley Young, who has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Itan Wr. Stanley Young who has been with her parents, Mr. and Wrs. Damon. Let for St. Thomas.

intris Stanley roung, won has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Damon, left for St. Thomas, Ontario, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Burke and and Mrs. Merritt of Redford called on Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koss of Base Line Road and Mrs. Lillian Johnston of Blenheim, Ontario, Sunday.

Jubniston of Blenheim, Ontario, Sunday,
Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Hofmann and sons, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anton in Ferndale.
Miss Jewel Akkins of Detroit and Mrs. Humphrey of Clarenceville called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Danon Sunday,
Mr. and Mrs. Wykowski were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. John
Hebik on Sunday.
Mrs. I. E. Sherwood and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Jahtovsky, called on Mrs. I. E. Sherwood at the University Hospital,
Sunday.

wood at the University Hospital, Sunday.

Mrs. Baker and daughter Ardith and Thomas Bissell of Plymouth, Mrs. Baker and daughter Ardith and Thomas Bissell of Plymouth, Mrs. Baker and Garvey and Mrs. B. Garvey Mrs. And Mrs. Fred Lee of Walled Lake.

I Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre were Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McIntyre were Mr. and Mrs. Emil Herbett, sons, Robert and Edgar, Miss Mabel Hendersen, Mr. and Mrs. John Garvey, Mrs. Ellen Garvey of Detroit, Misses Imogene and Glenna Young of Parker Subdivision, Edward Gaffney and Mr. Krum of Six Mile Road.

Mrs. Frank Crandall, Mrs. Char-Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Char-Mrs. Mrs. Frank Crandall, Mrs. Char-Mrs. Mrs. Char-Mrs. Mrs. Frank Crandall, Mrs. Char-Mrs. Mrs. Frank Crandall, Mrs. Char-Mrs. Mrs. Frank Crandall, Mrs. Char-Mrs. Mrs. Frank Crandall Mrs. Char-Mrs.

ney and Mr. Krum of Six Mite Road.
Mrs. Frank Crandall, Mrs. Charles Damon and Mrs. H. A. Mc-Intyre called on Mrs. Mary Wadsworth in Northville, Monday will be a man was instantly will be a man was a man was a man was a wall be a man was a ing Mrs. Lillian Johnston of I heim, Ontario, who is visiting sister, Mrs. Albert Koss. Miss Gertrude McIntyre turned home Sunday from a wi'n Miss Hilda Herbst' of troit.

troit.

Miss Merritt of Redford spent
the week end with Mrs. Alfred
Ducharme.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ducharme
and daughtfors and Mr. 8nd Mrs.
Delos Ducharme of Detroit called
on Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ducharme,
Wednesday.

Read the advertisements closely Merchants are offering excep-tional bargains these days.

## WEST FARMINGTON

The school nurse called on West Farmington school Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer See gas their son Harold a pleasant surprise Friday when they entertained several of their relatives and friends at their home on 14-Mile Road in honor of his birthday. A lunch was served.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Coy entertained 14 friends from Pontiac at a hard, time party Saturday evening at Rejir home on 14-Mile Road. Bridge was the diversion of the evening each one brought a discarded article for prizes. The guests were attired in old time costume. Lunch was served.

The girls of West Farmington School had a sewing class at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wards on Drake Road Monday evening.

George Heliker, Jr., is recovering from a severe attack of influenza.

Mrs. Marie Walters and grand-

Mrs. Marie Walters and grand on Harry called on Bertha Hun

Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Knapp called on relatives here Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Irot Mr. and Mrs. Irot Mr. and Mrs. Irot Mr. and Mrs. Irot Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Giegler and a litar. and Mrs. L. W. Giegler and Silar. and Richard Heliker are util of school with bad colds. Most of the pupils of West Farmington school were out on account of the mumps are back in chool this week. Miss Edith Giegler daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Giegler is val-

edictorian of a class of 30 grad-uates. She obtained almost a per-fite standing for her efforts. Mr. and Mrs. Giegler were formerly residents of Witts Farmington and Miss Giegler formerly at-tended Walled Lake Consolidated school.

Wins Calf Feeding Contest

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