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The Whole Community's Concern

Although it is an individual whose application for a jitney line permit between Farmington and Redford is to be heard within the next few days at Lansing, every citizen in this section, and particularly every business-man and property-owner, has a vital interest in the hearing of the Michigan Utilities Commission on granting the permit. In reality, the people of Farmington as a community have more at stake than the individual. Decision for or against the have more at state that mutured the permit may mean to the applicant merely one episode in a lifttime, the opportunity or loss of opportunity to engage in an enterprise which would have an unpredictable outcome. To the community it is not only a matter of convenient transportation at reasonable cost every day in the week, but a great deal more. What the sion decides may well have a vital if not decisive effect upon the future of this Grand River area for many years to come.

It has been apparent to anyone for a long time that there is noth ing whatever to hope for from the present arrangement. What the present permit-holder offered up to the first of this month was nothing that anybody could get enthusiastic about. The schedule afforded the least objection, and if continued, it might not have been so bad.

The fare charged, or perhaps it should be said, the fare asked

cause so few cared to use the bus and pay it), was sufficient of itself to drive away patronage of anyone but those required to ride by absolute necessity. Yet the only answer thus far to oft-repeated objections seems to be that running the bus is expensive. Agreed And so expensive that even those who didn't have to pay for it, see ing a 22-passenger coach go back and forth empty, trip after trip, could not help an uneasy a feeling of dissatisfaction over such an obvious useless waste. One fett like squirming in his chair when he saw it go by. Using a bus with four times the capacity that the line requires, hauling it 15 miles through Detroit streets, from Fort and Twelfth streets to Redford every morning before it could pick up a single penny of revenue, then dragging it back the same long haul late at night, only to bring it back again a few hours later in the early morning—no wonder it costs money!

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So much for the service up to May 1. Since that time, perhaps the less that it is spoken of the better, for it comes about as close to being unspeakable as anything we know. The same vehicle, aptly termed by one irste citizen a few weeks as as "that freight can," mow rims only half the film it did before, giving what is called "rush hour" service. Still it travels the same, long hall from Fort and Twelfth streets at the same great cost and waste, yet with only a fraction of the possible revenues it never inside the same with only a fraction of the possible revenues it never inside the same long hall after

from Fort and Twelfth streets at the same great cost and waste, yet with only a fraction of the possible revenues it previously had, after it does arrive at its place of business, It is calculated that the driver must put in 15 hours in order to get in nine hours lof driving.

But there are others who suffer more than the driver, by grace of the new schedule, which is perfectly arranged so that workingmen employed on any of three factory shifts, morning, afternoon, or midnight, cannot take the bus at any reasonable hour to get them to work on time. They can get a bus more than an hour before it would ordinarily be necessary to leave, and after doing their day would ordinarily be necessary to leave, and after doing their day's work, wait for an hour or so on a street corner down on Grand River for a bus to bring them home. This makes a total of about 14 hours for an eight-hour day for the working-man. The attractiveness of this as a factor in inducing more people to come to live in

Farmington can scarcely be over-estimated.

The same "convenience" is afforded those who travel for other The same "convenience" is afforded those who travel for other than work. Would you wish to attend a theater in the evening?

Better go in the afternoon, because the last bus leaves downtown at 9:10 and Redford at 9:40 p. m. and if you don't like can walk from Five Points, five miles. (Factory-men or the work of the price to go and the day's work). You must think it mould be nice to go down to Detroit or Relatord shout may think it would be nice to go down to Detroit or Redford about eight o'clock tomorrow morning, but don't plan to do it. Go to bed an hour earlier the night before and get up earlier so you can take the 7:20, or sleep late and take the 9:16. Eight or 8:30 is just a constitution of the first team that the first sleep late and take the 9:16. venient time to go, but there isn't any transportation. Nor at eleven, nor at two in the afternoon. Oh yes, there's one shown at 2:16 oh the achedule, but after you've waited on the corner in vain for an hour or more, and somebody tells you there isn't any 2:16, then you look again at the schedule and up at the top in fine type it says:
"Sat, Sun. and Hol." The whole schedule is full of these pleasing little eccentricities and surprises.

If our difficulty arose from difference of opinion as to remedy, it might be excusable. But there is no dispute that who need, or at least what is worth a trial, is a seven-passenger bus operating more frequently at a lower fare.

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The simple facts, supported by the presence of a sufficient umber of citizens and officials to indicate that the community is umber of citizens and officials to convince the Community is eally interested, should be enough to convince the Commission and bring forth a permit and "a new deal" without any delay whatever.

A Gentle Soul

A gentle, kindly personality, with a quiet kind of interested friendliness that did not shout, but somehow made itself felt by everyone with whom he came in contact, was that of Charles J. Shaddick, who passed so suddenly last Saturday, afternoon, latthough he had lived in Farmington only a short time, there are many whom he greeted each day who will miss him greatly.

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To An Oak

A grand old Oak in our front yard Grows towering in the air And oh- I think of majesty To see it standing there.

Its spreading limbs each upward flung Toward Heaven's azure blue, Seem groping for a hidden truth, Searching for Something new.

The grandeur of it's mighty trunk
Its aweing, rugged strength
Has weathered all the fiercest storms
In this land's breadth and length.

What stories this old tree could tell Had it the power to talk. Of Indian Chiefs and Indian Maids, Who 'neath it's limbs did walk.

How many years have come and gone Since one small acorn fell And sheltered grew into this Oak, None but this Oak could tell.

When Fall paints on the wooded hills
A scene of color gay,
In bronze and red and green and brown
A gorgeous, grand display.

A sign comes from the old Oak's heart And in a tender mood, She covers all the earth below Like Robbins, babes in wood.

Oh grand old Oak, live on! Live on! Unto Eternity
A lesson to the world you've brought.
For Oak, you strengthen me.

HARRY J. MERRITT,

Royal Oak, Michigan.

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

West Point Park Presbyterian Church Rev. John Adams, Pastor 22333 Grand River, Redford

10:30 Sunday School. 11:30 Morning worship.

Baptist Church Rev. E. W. Palmer, Pastor

10:30. The American Legion boys will be our guests at this service. Members of other patrotic groups are also invited. I1:45 Bible School. We welcome all who are not now attending any

all who are not now attending any school to visit us.
6:30 Junior and Senior Groups.
7:30 Evangelistic service. We enjoy an old fashioned song feast each week. Frank La Haye will sing a solo. The Pastor will preach.

preach. Wednesday night we will dis cuss spiritualism.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarenceville (At Switzer Road) Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

10:30 Divine Service.
The first and third Sundays of
the month the services are conducted in the German language.
All others are English.

Methodist Church Rev. F. C. Johnson, Minister

Christ has no hands but our

"Christ has no hands but our hands!
To do His work to-day;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead Him on his way."
Let-us remember these lines each day as by our influence and example we try to. win men, women and children to our Christ.
Rev. F. C. Johnson will preech at both services next Sunday to which you are all cordially invited. Memorial Day will be observed.

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Our Sunday School meets each Sunday at noon and our Young People's club at 6:30.
Don't forget our weekly mid week services at 7:30 each Wednesday evening.
Next Thursday June 2 the Golden Rule Circle of the Ladies Aid will meet at Mrs. Eckler.
The Sunshine Harmony Circle will also meet the same day at the home of Mrs. L. Thayer.

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WEST FARMINGTON Mrs. Ervin Knapp

The annual joint meeting of the Willing Workers and the als an The annual joint meeting of the willing Workers and the old association of West Farmington semetery will be held Thursday June 2 at the West Farmington school house. A quilt will be drawn at that meeting, Supper will be served.

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About 30 relatives motored to Hartland Sunday to spend the day with Mrs. L. W. Geigler. A pot luck dinner was served the event being Mrs. Geigler's birthday. Edwin Murray left Sundaymorning for Chicago where he is planning on spending the summer. About' 50 people attended the last day of school picnic of. West Farmington school held on the grounds Friday afternoon. Picnic dinner was served after dinner a base ball game was played between the Nichols school team and the West Farmington school team. The score was 10-4 ip, favor of jing home team.

Mrs. Elmer French and Mrs. Irvin Knapp attended the Oakland County acheievement day program held at the Central Methodist church at Pontiac. They represented the East Walled Lake extension group.

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this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Upton of
Royal Gak called on Mr. and Mrs.

Arthur Green.

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Mr. Hewitt and sons Edward
and Frederick and Mr. and Mrs.
Pike of Grosse Pointe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur
Green.

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George Miller and Miss Hazel
Hogan spent the week end with
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schroeder.
Several interested in the appearance of the North Farmingtion cemetery will meet at the cemetery at 2 o'clock Saturday May
28 and donate plants and help
put the flower beds and beautifying the cemetery.

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Sunday School, 10:15 a. m. Sunday evening service will be preached by Rev. Laubengayer, of Detroit at 7:39 p. m.

Some people tall us that education will solve all problems, but we don't see them making any efforts to educate the gangelers.

That war in Chinais killing off about as many, people as the automobiles and gangsters in this country.

Will some one kindly tell us that he meaning of that socient, word statesman?" It's been so long ince we had one we have for-rotten the definition, and the ictionaries have probably dropped t as obsolete.

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