

CONTROL BY STATE HIGHWAY BOARD PROPOSED

**Who Runs on Them,
Sponsor Declares.**

Motor bus regulation under the state highway commission, fixing of schedules and routes, standardization of equipment, fixing of permit license, weights of buses and other qualifications necessary in the operation of motor buses over State highways are set out in a bill being prepared by Robert I. Marsh, attorney for Indiana Highways and Motor Association for presentation to the General Assembly. Marsh is a law partner of Governor-elect Ed Jackson.

Another bill, said to be backed by the Union Traction Company of Indiana, provides motor bus regulation by the public service commission.

Tells Why

"The State highway commission builds and maintains State highways and should be the instrument in regulating the traffic over them," Marsh said.

"A schedule of rates would likely be filed with the highway commission for their approval," Marsh said, "but this is a matter that would require working out."

The new bill would not add to the personnel of the highway commission, it is stated, nor increase salaries, but would probably require employment of possibly two clerks to handle detail work.

No Fixed License

No fixed permit license is set out in the measure, it being pointed out that a seat license of \$3 as framed in a former bill would provide only approximately \$30,000 revenue for the State, enough only to build about one mile of hard road.

Marsh said the gasoline tax was the only approved method of raising money for highways so far evolved, and that some bus owners paid as high as \$100 per month gasoline tax. Reciprocity between States for interstate bus traffic will also require considerable study, Marsh said.

BALL AT WAR COLLEGE

Resiring Legion State Commander Goes to Washington.

E. Arthur Ball, Muncie, Ind., today was on his way to Washington, D. C., to attend the United States War College for six weeks, following his retirement as commander of the Indiana department of the American Legion.

At a farewell dinner at the Indianapolis Athletic Club Wednesday evening Ball was presented with a bronze tablet testifying to his faithful service from twenty-five of his associates in the American Legion. Thomas McConnell, Fowler, Ind., was installed as new Indiana commander, by Alvin Owsley of Dallas, Texas, former national commander of the Legion.

Pavlova to Say Farewell Here Monday; 'Silks, Satins and Diamonds' on View

ANNA PAVLOVA has enchanted almost the whole world by the witchery of her famous "swan" dance, Australia being the only great art-loving country the noted Russian has never visited.

There must be many for whom the richest artistic achievement in dancing these days is Pavlova's impersonation of "the death of a swan." The dance itself, perhaps, is not as purely characteristic of the ballet as some of her other dances, but it is so lovely, so romantic, that it stands out in every program as a perfect choreographic lyric.

It reveals an almost haunting beauty, and can never grow hackneyed as long as Pavlova retains the still matchless artistry she has shown ever since her advent into this country, some dozen years back. Pavlova has wisely included "The Swan" in her program at the Shubert-Murat next Monday, the occasion of her farewell visit to Indianapolis. A beautiful cello accompaniment, composed by Saint-Saens, is given during Pavlova's dancing of this wondrous tiptoe feature.

NEW SHOW OPENS TODAY AT PALACE

Celebrating the entrance of the New Year with a special program consisting mostly of comedy, the Palace offers as its headliner Al Gabelle's "Silks, Satins and Diamonds," a singing and dancing skit opens today. In Gabelle's support are the Four Dancing Carens, Magadele Thorley, Lillian and Margaret Reynolds, and Dorothy Stratton. Lillian Hotelling stars in "blue" singing, another feature added to the dancing novelties.

Berniviv brothers give full evidence of their presence and their

ability to play the violin in their "Moments Musical."

James H. Cullen, billed as "The Man From the West," is a comedian who with a ludicrous costume and a book from which he reads all his stories and sings his songs is asserted to be a scream.

Gene Oliver presents Sooty Welch and the Madison sisters in "Bits of Harmony," a singing skit. "A Day in the Apple Orchard," is spent by the Lind-Tre-O, comedy acrobats.

Elaine Hammerstein and John Fraser have the leading roles in "The Foolish Virgin," the photoplay. Pathe News, Topics of the Day, a scene and a comedy are the short reels included.

Other theaters today offer: De Wolf Hopper in "The Mikado," at 3 p. m. at the Murat and at 8:15 p. m. "Pinafore"; McIntyre and Heath at Keith's; Emma Carus at the Lyric; Jack LaMont and his burlesque show at the Capitol; "So Big" at the Circle; "Peter Pan" at the Ohio; complete new movie-show at the Isis, with "The Measure of a Man" featured; "The Navigator" at the Apollo, and "A Sainted Devil" at Mister Smith's.

LEGION POSTS TO UNITE

Twelve Organizations Will Surrender Charters Friday Night.

Twelve local legion posts will meet Friday night at the Chamber of Commerce to turn in their charters preparatory to uniting into Memorial Post 194, B. W. Breedlove, acting adjutant said today. Another meeting will be held Jan. 16 when officers will be elected. Following persons will plan the meetings: Judge Sidney S. Miller, H. C. Ketcham and V. M. Armstrong.

Posts to turn in charters are: George Dewey 3, Robert Kennington 34, Howard C. Root 84, Parry-Stephenson 100, Skidmore-Dean 104, Barry-Copeland 128, Frank Mitchell-Loer 148 and George R. Harris 153. Other posts have surrendered their charters.

NOTABLE CHURCH GAINS REPORTED BY BISHOP LEETE

Substantial Growth in Membership and Finances Is Shown.

By BISHOP FREDERICK D. LEETE,
Indianapolis Area Methodist Episcopal Church.

The year 1924 has been a season of progress in the work of Indianapolis area of Methodism. More new church buildings than usual have been erected. Many churches have provided suitable structures for instructional work, including Christian educational and social service. Membership net gain totals between 4,000 and 5,000 and Sunday school increases have been larger.

Notable events of the year have been the establishment of a new site for the Indiana orphanage, which is now well located at Lebanon, and the completion of financial canvasses for De Pauw University and Evansville College. The evangelistic campaign of the present winter, whose results will not be computed until the time of the spring conference and then only partially, are believed to be considerably in advance of last year.

Methodism in this region looks forward to a day of strengthened Christian faith, of kindlier relations between all classes of people and between the various churches. The Methodist people do not consider themselves altogether free from responsibility for the evil political conditions, or the lack of adequate law enforcement and for the prevalence of crime in Indiana, but they know that the chief responsibility is elsewhere. They are becoming impressed with the idea that if conditions do not improve the church must help to seek and to apply needed remedies.

This Was Taken in Summer Time



BAKALEINIKOFF AND COLLEEN MOORE

If I live and breathe if this isn't "Bak," known officially as Constantin Bakaleinikoff, director of the Circle Theater Orchestra, and

Colleen Moore, star of "So Big." Both on view at Circle today and all week. Picture taken in Hollywood.



Winter Is Here

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**Special Purchases and Garments Marked Down
Specially for This Event Permits Us to Offer
Exceptional Values for the Money**



\$10

Coats

Velours, polaires, plain, cut and blocked polaire; fur-trimmed and plain styles for misses, women and stouts; sizes 16 to 52½; brown, tan, gray and rust.

Dresses

Silks and cloth dresses in smart styles; street, sport, afternoon and business frocks in an abundance of styles; Canton crepes, satin Cantons, crepe de chine, Poirer twills, flannels; a wide assortment of colors. Size 16 to 50.

75 Pairs Children's and Misses' High Lace Shoes, On Sale, \$2.95

Special values Friday, worth higher prices; mothers will appreciate the quality and low price combined in these shoes on sale Friday. Smart lace shoes of—

Black Patent Calf with Fawn Tops, Brown Calfskin with Fawn Tops, and Plain Brown Calfskin.

Come in wide toe last with dependable, heavy soles and rubber heels; sizes 9 to 12.

Friday Saving Sale of Misses' Wool Gloves and Mittens, 75c the Pair—Women's Gauntlet Gloves, Pair, \$1

All snug-fitting and warm; with high gauntlet style cuffs that will fit over the coat sleeve; pretty assortment of wanted colors.

Friday Saving Sale of Men's Outing Flannel Pajama Suits, Special, \$1.29

Full, big cut garments, well made, frog trimmed; sizes A, B, C, D, 36 to 46. A special offering for Friday.

Men's High-Grade Wool Flannel Shirts, Friday, \$1.55

Standard, full size, well made, collar attached, yoke back, double button cuffs, two pockets; dark blue color only; sizes 14½ to 16.

Boys' Fine Grade Woven Madras Blouses, 79c Each

Neat, well made, full sized blouses, neat figured patterns, collar attached, button cuffs; sizes 8 to 15.

Boys' and Youths' Heavy Ribbed Cotton Sweaters, 89c

Silpover styles, large, snug fitting roll collar, button and fastener at neck, knit wrists, serviceable; maroon or navy green; sizes 28 to 34.

Boys' Worsted Wool School Suits, \$4.95

Two pairs of lined knickers, well made, in good styles, belted model coats, with yoke back; unusual values; sizes 7 to 17 years.



Friday Saving Sale of Women's Rayon Hosiery, 35c the Pair, 3 Pairs \$1

Medium weight hose with lisle tops, seamed back with fashion darts, fully reinforced foot; black and a good assortment of colors; sizes 8½ to 10.

Children's Stockings, Special, 19c the Pair

Good combed cotton with plain or derby ribbed; come in both black and brown shades; sizes 8 to 9½. Irregulars.

Children's Body Waists, 25c

Medium light weight cotton taped pantie waists, low neck, no sleeves, with double row of buttons at waist; sizes 2 to 12 years.

Children's Stockings, 13c the Pr., 2 Prs., 25c

Exceptional values, plain ribbed, combed cotton stockings with double heels and toes; black and brown; sizes 8 to 9½. Seconds.

Cotton Lisle Hose for Women, 19c Pair, 3 Pairs, 50c

Good combed cotton hose for women, hemmed top, seamed back with reinforced foot; black and colors; sizes 8½ to 10. Seconds.

Women's Union Suits, \$1

Excellent quality fine wool tint union suits, built-up shoulders, hand top with drawstring, no sleeves and knee length; sizes 34 to 44.

Pure Silk Stockings, the Pair, 25c

Heavy weight pure silk hose, reinforced lisle tops, heels and toes, raved stop at knee, seamed back with fashion darts and spliced ankle; black and brown. Seconds; sizes 8½ to 9½.

Women's Knit Vests, 25c

Fine knit vests with built-up shoulders, hand top with drawstrings; also bodice top in white and pink; sizes 36 to 44.



Friday Saving Sale of Petticoats, \$1.95

Tub Silk, Rayon and Jersey Silk

All lengths; all wanted colors; with attractive wide pleated flounces; plain, trimmed and scalloped bottoms, nicely tailored; an extraordinary offer.

Women's Rayon Sport Bloomers, \$1.79
Tailored of excellent quality rayon, soft but firm; with elastic top and double elastic cuff; all wanted colors, well reinforced.

New Girdles in Medium Widths, \$1
With wide elastic side inserts and elastic top; lightly boned for support, four hose supporters; sizes 27 to 31.

One Lot of Wash Blouses; Very Special Values at \$1
This lot includes sheer dimities and heavier broadcloths; mostly whites; sizes 36 to 46.

Friday Saving Sale of Hand and Bath Towels

Extra Heavy Bath Towels, 50c
All white; 22x44-inch size.

Colored Bordered Towels, 20x40 Size, 29c
White with narrow blue border.

Bath Towels, 39c
White; large size, 22x44; hemmed; extra heavy.

Massage Towels, 20c
Heavy double thread; also used for hand towels.

Turkish Towels, 6 for \$1
17x24 size; all white; serviceable quality.

Part Linen Crash, Yard, 15c
Extra heavy quality; colored border; fine for roller towels.

Friday Saving Sale of White Outing Flannel, Yard, 16c

27 inches wide; heavy napped quality; twill weave.

Bleached Muslin, Yard, 15c
Yard wide; serviceable quality for domestic uses.

Fine Bleached Muslin, 17c
36-inch width; unbranded; quality superior to many well-known brands.

Pillow Cases, 20c Each
24x36. Bleached.

Illinois Central System Says That Railroads Strive to Merit Public Confidence

Nearly five years have elapsed since the railroads began to operate under the terms of the Transportation Act of 1920. During all of this time the railroads have been on trial. The Transportation Act has been on trial. The public has been waiting to determine whether the new system would work, whether the railroads under it would be able to improve their facilities and service and establish themselves for the future.

For the first three years business conditions were unsettled, and the new system of regulation could not be said to have had a fair trial under normal conditions. In the two years that have just ended, conditions generally have been more nearly stable. Business has increased, prosperity has returned, and there has been an unprecedented demand for transportation service. These two years—1923 and 1924—constitute a reasonably fair test of private railway operation under the Transportation Act.

What have the railroads accomplished in these two years? They have put their properties in better condition than ever before in their entire history. In the two years they have raised and spent more than 2 billion 136 million dollars for improvements and extensions, in addition to large maintenance expenditures. These recent expenditures of more than a billion dollars a year for improvements and extensions compare with a pre-war average annual expenditure of only about half that amount.

With their improved facilities, the railroads have handled in the last two years the greatest volume of traffic ever known, and they have done so in a most satisfactory manner, with practically no shortage of facilities. By every test of operating efficiency, the railroads in these two years have improved immensely the character of their service to the public.

The railroads, however, cannot stop where they are. They must continue to keep pace with the growth of business. Their capacity is a limitation upon the country's prosperity, and they must grow if our greater population of the future is to have its full measure of prosperity. This dependence of prosperity upon adequate transportation makes the question of future railway growth a matter of the greatest public concern today.

The railroads have proved their confidence in the continued fairness of the public by making extensive investments for better service. By the result of the November election the public has indicated that it has confidence in the railroads. The railroads are going to strive to retain that confidence as their most valuable asset. They are planning now to spend 1 billion 100 million dollars for improved facilities in 1925, having an abiding faith that the public will permit them to realize a fair return upon their increased property investment.

In the improvements scheduled for 1925, the Illinois Central System, as usual, will be found in the front rank of progressive American railroads.

Constructive criticism and suggestions are invited.

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