

CONTROL BY
STATE HIGHWAY
BOARD PROPOSED

Highway, Should Say
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, weight of busses and other qualifications necessary in the operation of motor busses over State highways are set out in a bill being prepared by Robert J. Marsh, attorney for Indiana Highways and Motor Association for presentation to the General Assembly. Marsh is a law name 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

Retiring 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 faith and 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.

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

ANNA PAVLOWA 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 Pavlowa'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 Pavlowa retains the still matchless artistry she has shown ever since her advent into this country, some dozen years back.

Pavlowa 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 Pavlowa'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 Careños, Magdaleen Thorley, Lillian and Margaret Reynolds, and Dorothy Stratton. Lillian Hotaling stars in "blue" singing, another feature added to the dancing novelties.

Bernicoff brothers give full evidence of their presence and their

ability to play the violin in their "Moulin Rouge."

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 Scotty Welch and the Madison sisters in "Bits of Harmony," a singing skit.

"A Day in the Apple Orchard," is spent by the Lind-Tree-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

scenic 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., "Phafore," McIntyre and Heath at Keith's; Emma Carus at the Lyric; Jack La Mont 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 134, 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 8, Robert Kennington 34, Howard C. Root 84, Parry-Stephenson 100, Skidmore-Dean 104, Barry-Copeland 128, Frank Mihel-Loer 148 and eGeorge R. Harris 168. 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 Dr. Pauw, University and Evansville College. The evangelistic campaign of the present winter, whose results will not be computed until the time of the spring conferences 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 kindler 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.

DOWNSTAIRS at AYRES

GOOD MERCHANDISE AYRES SERVICE LOW PRICES

Friday Savings Sales

"It's What You Save That Counts"

Special Friday Saving Sale of Coats and Dresses

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

Coats

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

\$10

Dresses

Silks and cloth dresses in smart styles; street, sport, afternoon and business frocks in an abundance of styles; Canton crepes, satin Canvons, crepe de chines, Poiret 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 2.

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 well over the coat sleeve; pretty assortment of wanted colors.

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

Big, full 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

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

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

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

Boys' Worsted Wool School Suits, \$4.95

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



Friday Saving Sale of Women's Rayon Hosiery, 35c the Fair, 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 on plain or derby ribbed; come in both black and brown shades; sizes 6 to 9½. Irregular.

Children's Body Waists, 25c

Medium, light weight cotton taping 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 Pcs., 25c

Exceptional values, plain ribbed combed cotton stockings with double row of buttons 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 narrowed spiced ankle and reinforced foot; black and colors; sizes 8½ to 9½.

Children's Body

Waists, 25c

Medium, light weight cotton taping 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 Pcs., 25c

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

Pure Silk Stockings, the Pair, 25c

Heavy weight pure silk hose, mercerized lisle tops, heels and toes ravel stop at knee, seamed back with fashion darts and reinforced foot; black and brown.

Seconds; sizes 8½ to 9½.

Women's Knit Vests, 25c

Fine knit vests with built-up shoulders, band 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, trim and scalloped bottoms, nicely tailored; an extraordinary offer.

Women's Rayon Sport Bloomers, \$1.79

Tubular 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.

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

17x34 size; all white; serviceable quality.

Part Linen Crash, Yard, 15c

White; large size, 22x44; hemmed; extra heavy.

Extra heavy quality; colored border; fine for roller towels.

Pillow Cases, 20c Each

3x36; bleached.

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

3x36; 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.