

Mrs. H. Shapour served as a hostess for a meeting of the Kenwood Women's Club held Thursday, April 15, in the auditorium of the Methodist Children's Village on Six Mile Road. Featured on the program was a demonstration on flower arranging by Mrs. Dunlop from J. L. Hudson's.

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NEW ORGANIZATION ADULT EDUCATION STRIVING FOR MORE

Keeping Michigan's adult population prepared for modern living in a democracy is one of the big objectives of the Adult Education Association of Michigan which will be organized May 7 at East Lansing.

A constitutional assembly to formulate the new organization will be held that day in the Union Building on the Michigan State College campus.

Through the new organization, it is planned to approach adult education on a community-wide basis, according to John B. Holden of Michigan State College, who is serving as chairman of the Michigan Adult Education Association. Major support for the new organization will come from the merging of the Michigan Council on Adult Education and the Michigan Association for Adult Education, but the big objective is to get all individuals and organizations interested in adult education associated with the new group.

"Modern living in a democracy requires that adults be well informed and have an understanding regarding the current problems of their own communities, the state, the nation and the world," Holden points out. "Education cannot be left to chance for adults, any more than it can for youth."

Since adults comprise two thirds of the population of Michigan, the task of providing suitable adult education programs for the entire group is a big job, Holden declares. That is why widespread support and participation in the new Adult Education Association of Michigan is a necessity.

Fifty fires burned 219 acres of forests and grasslands in Michigan last week, conservation workers report. The weekly total raises to 450 the total acreage burned in 91 reported fires this far this year.

Austrian Alps Railroads, Auto Roads Built Against Steep Mountain Sides

This is the third in a series of feature articles on Europe today. The series will cover various countries of Europe, including the conditions and customs of the people. They are being written for The Enterprise by Mr. and Mrs. Konrad P. Braun.

Wherever in the Austrian Alps the railroad has been built against the steep mountain sides, the narrow tracks lie either on a trestle or on a ledge. If more space was needed, as at a railway stop, the mountain was cut back for the trains, the buildings were set on the outer edge of the shelf, and propped from below.

So it was in the Vorarlberg, where a recent avalanche sheared off half the stone station, carried it and the sheep and all but one of a train of cars down a hill. The remaining car, beyond the full force of the avalanche, became uncoupled as it was torn from the tracks, and now lies overturned. Its wheels are still in the snow, which is still dirty with disaster.

Beyond and to the north, the auto road over the Flexen Pass squirms up and down and back and forth just above it, spot fences sag and young aspens bend with the weight of the last storm. In places where the road has been chiseled from precipitous rock, it has for years been roofed over, once picturesquely with heavy timber, now sturdily with stone and concrete. The outer supports of the roof are massive walls broken by simple stone arches which permit the traveller a view of the crag he is on, the valley too directly below, and, as the road twists, more tunnels ahead.

The strengthening of the road and the building of the tunnels were made possible by Marshall Plan funds; for the road over the Flexen Pass leads to the mountain villages of Zueris and Lech, which, aided by more Marshall Plan funds, have become typical international ski resorts. Zueris is fashionable. Lech is comfortable.

Less than 50 years ago, Lech, then already five centuries old, was still a scattering of stone and timber huts on the bank of a clear river flowing through a mile high valley. On a rise of ground at one end of the valley where the sun rose behind it, stood a white stone church with its square bell tower. Still higher and closer to the lofty meadows, where a stream provided year-around water, a few more houses and barns were built into a southern slope.

The houses at both ends of the valley were inns. Each had a few rooms to rent, but rarely were the rooms occupied. The village had a baker and a shoemaker. The blacksmith who shod the horses, forged the tools and the strolled blinges and locks, was shared with the neighboring village. A Burgomeister served part time for part pay. The parish priest taught the children and visited the sick.

The main occupation was the production of cheese.

Four months of the year brown mountain cattle grazed on green mountain grass and for eight winter months, tied neck and tail in their warm stables, munched, between feedings of imported grains, on mountain hay. The low-ceilinged stables on the south of the barns, insulated overhead with

Carl Holth of Livonia Serving in Germany

Pvt. Carl A. Holth, 31, son of Mrs. C. A. Holth of 1928 Hubbard, Livonia, recently arrived in Mannheim, Germany, for duty with the Seventh Army.

Private Holth, a radio operator, last stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, is now serving in Headquarters Battery of the 7th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion.

Before entering the Army in August of 1953, he attended the University of Michigan where he was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Barnum, with their son Michael and daughter Cheryl, enjoyed an Easter dinner with Mrs. Barnum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Shaefer.

Mine output of coal in Indiana was slightly more than 15 million tons in 1953, a little more than half of which came from surface mines.

Gems Are A Rarity In State Of Michigan

According to Dr. Willard H. Parsons, chairman of the geology department at Wayne University, gem variety minerals are indeed a rarity in Michigan.

Although three or four diamonds have been found in glacial gravels in scattered localities, no large deposits of gem stones have been discovered in Michigan. However, there are a number of minerals which have unusual color markings but are not well-known or "fashionable" enough to be considered gem quality.

Michigan agate, which has red and white banded coloring is found on the shores of the Keweenaw Peninsula in Upper Michigan. Thomsonite, greenstone, and datolite are minerals which occur only in Michigan, in the Lake Superior - Isle Royale district. Petoskey stones, found along the beach near Petoskey, is a fossil coral. It is solid and takes a high polish. Quite soft and easily scratched.

however, it is used primarily for decorative objects. Few other unique stones can be found in Michigan.

Dr. Parsons is currently appearing on a Wayne University television series over WJBK-TV called "Nature's Treasure Trove", on the origin, industry and care of gems.

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AAA Dates Traffic Laws With 'Model T' Era

Unreasonable speed regulations and widespread misuse of traffic control devices are denying motorists the full utilization of our streets and highways, American Automobile Association president Ralph A. Thomas stated.

"Vast volumes of travel are being strangled by traffic lights timed to the 'Model T' era and thoroughfares are clogged by sluggishly moving vehicles under restraint of unrealistic speeds," he said.

He urged that obsolete highway laws be modernized to conform with present traffic requirements.

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