

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH CONCLUDES PLANS FOR PARTIES

The Ladies Guild of Grace Lutheran Church, Grand River at Imperial Highway, has scheduled the annual Mother - Daughter Banquet for Wednesday, May 5, in the church basement. The Beth Circle will prepare the meal with the Esther Circle in charge of serving and decorations.

The Men's Club of Grace Church will hold its next meeting on Thursday, May 6, in the church basement. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a special program with Mr. Robert Malloy, special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as the main speaker.

The following officers have been elected for the next bowling season by the bowlers of the Grace Lutheran Bowling League: Elmer Hoffman, president; Chuck Sewell, vice-president; Warren Guntzler, secretary; and Bernice Sewell, treasurer.

Austrian Alps Villagers Prefer Tourist Trade To Meager Dairy Business

This is the fourth 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 F. Braun.

Until the beginning of this century the little village of Lech in the Austrian Alps was the same size it had been for several preceding centuries. Like other settlements which were too high for farming, it had remained a pastoral community. The inhabitants subsisted mainly on the foods they could themselves produce and draw from the surrounding forests for their fuel and housing materials. They making cheeses of their superior to the towns and cities of the lowlands.

The number of people who could make a living from cheeses was limited by their limited grasslands. Slowly, as the number of villagers increased, the standard of living declined. Rich in natural beauty, the area became more and more dependent upon travelers.

The shift to a monetary economy was so easy, so gradual it was almost imperceptible. Thirty families had never lived well. When, for the first time, they saw the glitters of cash, they could not believe they might be living less well. They were the least prepared for the last war, in which their crop suffered a seven year blight.

Pushed back upon their own resources, many found they had none. Some, whose lands were held in any case lost the knack of living from the land. As in all of Europe, those who could produce food managed best. In Lech some look up against the railing of a few sheep and the old women got out spinning wheels unused for a generation. In a few homes wool was spun. In a few others, hand-knit stockings and sweaters were knitted.

When, to those who already had a place of business, Marshall Plan funds became available, and Marshall Plan interest rates were set at 4% - about half the local bank rates of 9 to 12%, the innkeepers borrowed. They used the money to enlarge their hotels, to build ski lifts and swimming pools, and to repair roads.

Today Lech has three food-stuffed hotels, a dozen or more pensions, and extra rooms available in every house but two. At the height of the season, all are filled. Three ski equipment shops and two shops for everything else are kept busy and three ski lifts and two doctors are kept running.

Of the hotels, two were very old inns. One, although much enlarged, has determinedly kept its Austrian character. Low ceilings, whitewashed walls, and waxed woodwork carved in provincial baroque fashion mark a warm background for a collection of early carved chests and sallets, and hand-painted beds and cupboards. It is a quiet house. Evenings its guests read, or play - sometimes games before a wood burning fire. At tea nearly everyone is in bed. The other of the older inns also keeps its Austrian character, but somewhat later hours. There afternoons and evenings Austrian musicians play on their native instruments for gaily responsive dancers.

The third hotel with high ceilings, curving walls, bright lights, and a prominently placed bar has striven in its public rooms for an international style. The serpentine walls of its dance hall rise

CONCERT PLANNED BY COUNTY PLAYERS AT PONTIAC MAY 4

The Pontiac Symphony Orchestra, sponsored in part by the Pontiac Department of Parks and Recreation, and consisting of players from all parts of the county, will present its second concert of the season on Tuesday, May 4, at 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Lincoln Junior High School in Pontiac.

Francesco Di Biasi, a member of the trumpet section of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will be the conductor. Di Biasi is a pupil of the world famed conductor, Pierre Monteux, and was conductor of the Ballet Russe Orchestra for two years. He has also appeared as guest conductor with the Philadelphia orchestra. Associate conductor is the well-known Mrs. Merrill Turner of Birmingham.

Adult and student tickets may be obtained at the door or by calling the Calli Music Company of Pontiac at Federal 5-8222. The program will be as follows: Overture to Egmont, Beethoven; Concerto No. 2 in D Minor, Mendelssohn; Valse Triste, Sibelius; Rhapsody from South Pacific, Rogers; Finlandia, Sibelius; and Revanue, Gounod.

Northville State Hospital To Hold Open House

The Northville State Hospital will hold its annual open house May 3 through May 4 this year in conjunction with National Mental Health Week.

Doors will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on May 2 and 3 and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on May 4. In addition to tours of the mental hospital, lectures will be given by staff psychiatrists, psychiatric social workers and clinical psychologists on timely mental health problems. Movies on the Occupational Therapy Department will be shown.



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This year's Clean-Up Week begins April 30 and Goodwill Industries, as in past years, will make pickups of discards, thus enabling hand-picked people and maintain themselves and families in the community.

A Goodwill truck will be in Farmington on Monday, May 3, according to Miss Lora Ault, local Goodwill representative. Anyone having discards to contribute is asked to call Miss Ault at Farmington 1461-M for arranging a pickup.

The renovated articles will be sold in Goodwill stores. According to Miss Ault, opportunity wages of Goodwill employees have more than doubled since 1950, passing the \$750,000 mark last year.

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White Cane Week Set For May 2-8

Annual White Cane Week, designed to stimulate traffic protection for the blind, will be held simultaneously with Michigan Week this year, May 2 through May 8.

Dedicated to those who walk in darkness by the Lions Clubs of Michigan, White Cane Week calls attention to the needs of Michigan's 11,806 blind citizens and the state law which protects them. The law, passed in 1926, requires any driver to come to a complete stop when approaching within ten feet of a person who is wholly or partially blind, recognizable by his red-tipped white cane or walking stick.

The White Cane idea began in 1930 when Peoria, Illinois, Lions Club presented white canes to all the blind of the city. In 1922 the movement became an International Lions Club project and since that time thousands of white canes have been distributed free to the blind throughout the nation.

After 1920 and until 1950, states were always admitted to the Union in pairs - one from the North and the other from the South. Arkansas is Michigan's twin state.



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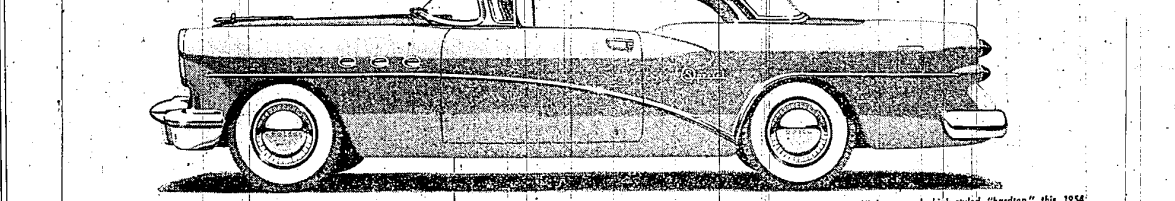
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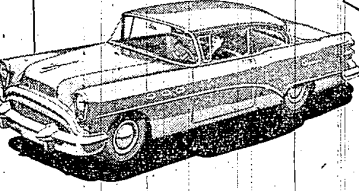
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