

Autumn Is "Flaming Foliage" Time

Add a touch of frost to the air and Pennsylvania becomes alive with color ranging from warm browns to blazing scarlets.

Autumn, reports the Department of Forests and Waters, is "Flaming Foliage" time in the Commonwealth and a time for thousands of motorists to take to the road to view this magnificent scene while it is at its height.

By the end of September, depending on weather conditions, a touch of color will begin appearing, here and there, and by mid-October Pennsylvania's landscape will be cloaked with a mantle of golden yellows, brilliant orange, deep crimson and soft brown.

This is the time of the year when the oaks, the birch, maples, elms and beech, even the lowly sumac, try to outdo one another with blends of color which only nature can provide.

Pennsylvania has more kinds of beautiful leaf colorations in autumn than any other state in the nation and of all the species of native trees in the United States, 123 can be found within the Commonwealth.

Tree leaf coloration occurs at approximately the same time each year depending on sunlight, rainfall and humidity.

Normally it strikes first in the northern tier counties including a portion of Wayne and all of Susquehanna, Bradford, Tioga, Potter and McKean, where the season of the best tree coloration is approximately between Oct 1 and 14.

About mid-October, or approximately Oct. 12-26, this colorful extravaganza spreads southward into the central zone which spans the state in a funnel shaped band extending from the Poconos westward to encompass the entire western portion of the state from Erie to the Mason-Dixon line.

Finally, to complete the cycle, the southern counties take on an autumnal look about Oct. 19. This southern belt is a triangular shaped area which extends from Stroudsburg southwest to the eastern slopes of Laurel Hill, just west of Somerset.

Apple Promotion Contest For Markets

A special apple promotion contest for state roadside markets will be a feature of National Apple Week, October 9-19, in Pennsylvania.

All roadside markets in the state will be eligible to compete in the contest, sponsored jointly by the newly-formed Pennsylvania Retail Farm Market Council and the Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Order Advisory Board. Prizes will include a color television set and 10 cash awards.

Roadside market operators who sign up for the event will receive free apple promotion kits. Judging will be done from black and white or color snapshots taken of each participating market.

The Retail Farm Market Council has charge of administering the contest. Awards are made available by the Apple Marketing Order Advisory Board from funds received under the state's Apple Marketing Order, which assesses commercial apple producers for promotion purposes.

The Marketing Order Board supports both the National Apple Institute and the Processed Apples Institute and carries out various state-oriented promotions.

This is the time of the year when any outdoor sport especially hiking, becomes a journey into a wonderful land of color and some of the most interesting areas can be found on Pennsylvania's nature trails of State Parks, such as, Gifford Pinchot State Park, in York County; at Prince Gallitzin, in Cambria County; and the glens and waterfalls at Ricketts Glen State Park, in Luzerne County, to name just a few, all of which present an unparalleled picture of beauty.

By the same token, Pennsylvania's State Forests, always fascinating to the outdoorsman, be-

come even more so during the autumn months. State forests require no special attractions but if its rugged terrain and seclusion you seek, the Sprout State Forest in western Clinton and northern Centre Counties, offers just the right type of atmosphere; the Bald Eagle State Forest, in Snyder, Union, Centre, Clinton, Mifflin and Juniata Counties, contains a stand of virgin timber with some trees well over two centuries old; while a journey to Mount Davis, located in Forbes State Forest, in Somerset, Fayette and Westmoreland Counties, will provide a view of the Commonwealth from the highest point in Pennsylvania.

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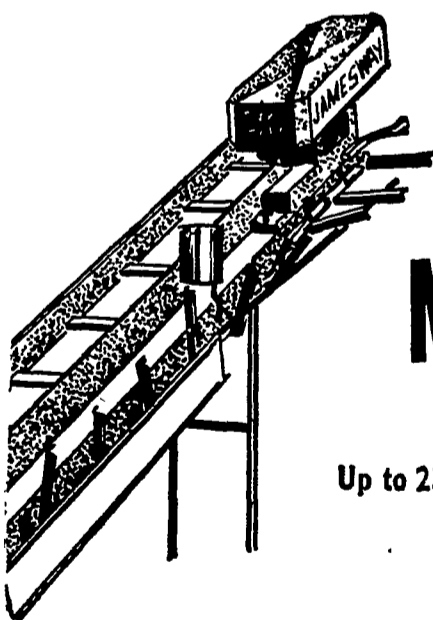
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Agricultural Activities

- Junior Market Hog Show — Thurs., Sept. 26, 5:30 P.M.
(Hog Sale Sept. 28, 9 A.M.)
- Junior Market Lamb Show — Thurs., Sept. 26
(Will follow Hog Show)
- Junior Beef Show — Thurs., Sept. 26, 7:30 P.M.
- Junior Dairy Show — Fri., Sept. 27, 7:30 P.M.
- Tractor Driving Contest — Sat., Sept. 28, 10:00 A.M.

All Agriculture Exhibits (this includes livestock, poultry, crops) will be housed in tents at the Ephrata Community Park.



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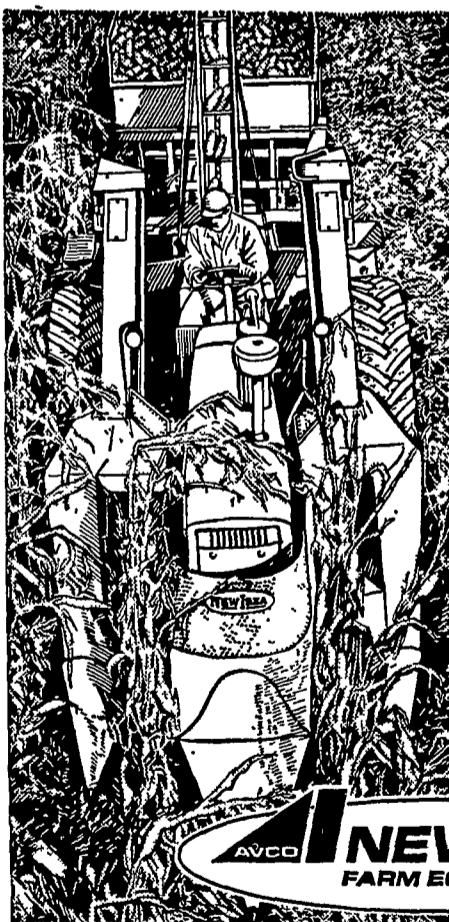
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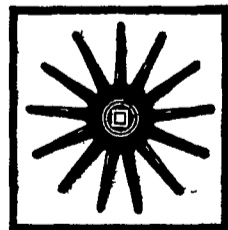
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