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BEAUTY OF LOCAL WOODLANDS AT ZENITH

October is the month for painted leaves and nowhere does nature exhibit a more gorgeous array of abundant color than in the forests of Pennsylvania. Her 110 different trees and nearly 175 varieties of native woody shrubs offer the utmost in variety to the paucity of color that characterizes Penn's Woods.

The popular impression that the color of leaves in autumn are dependant upon frosts is not entirely sustained. Careful observation in connection with studies conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters, have shown that the brilliant colors are largely due to the character of the preceding summer rather than the frosts of autumn. If the summer has been a rainy one, keeping the leaves plump and full of sap and the leaf skin thick, and distended, the autumn tints are brilliant, providing the fall of

the year is dry. For this reason it is predicted that this autumn's color pageant will be particularly fine.

"Autumn coloration is peculiar to the forests of the northeastern United States," Dr. Joseph J. Illick, the state forester, said. "The only other places whose autumn tints can compare with ours are the wooded slopes of the Swiss Alps and the forests along the Rhine and Danube, but it is pointed out that these regions have only a handful of the tree varieties that our do, and do not, therefore, exhibit such variety of color. England and the Pacific coast and the Southern states have nothing to compare with the glory of the autumn foliage in the forests of Pennsylvania. The moist climates during the entire year in those states lack the long, dry autumns that produce the finest succession of color. Furthermore, the coniferous forests which predominate in the West and South preclude the possibility of varied hues, while there is just enough mixture of pine and hemlock in the broadleaf forests of the Northeast to give a pleasing touch of contrast.

"Added to the alluring tints of autumn in Pennsylvania, her excellent system of highways and forest byways offer to the motorist, nature lover and recreation seeking public unexcelled opportunities to enjoy October's Carnival of the Trees," Dr. Illick continued. "The many miles of forest roads and trails which make the state forests available for enjoyment have this year received greater care and improvement than ever before, and are in first class condition to accommodate the rising tide of tourist travel that is turning to the state forests."

DISABLED SEEK AID FOR NEW LIFE WORK

The reopening of the educational and similar institutions for the fall term has increased by 50 per cent the number of disabled persons, assisted financially by the bureau of rehabilitation, State Department of Labor and Industry, in preparing for new employments suitable to their disabilities.

Ninety-one disabled persons were receiving financial assistance from the bureau in training courses on October 1 and it is expected that the number will reach 100 before the end of the present month. During the summer months, training in various types of manual activities as show card writing, shoe repairing, watch making and

engraving, mechanical dentistry and similar occupational work continued without interruption and as a result, sixty-two disabled persons received financial aid from the bureau during September.

HIGHWAY TO FIGHT WINTER BLIZZARDS

Preparations for snow removal and storage of equipment during the winter season are being pushed by the department of highways, it is announced. Erection of 23 storage sheds of a fire-proof design is the major part of the program, the buildings to be for year round use and to be equipped with offices for the maintenance superintendents.

Last year the department cleared 7-110 miles of highway and kept them open for traffic during the heavy snows. More than 800 miles have been added this year so that the forces will have about 8,000 miles of roadway to patrol during the coming winter.

While no additions to snow removal equipment are anticipated, the present equipment has been crowding available storage space and in some districts it was necessary to rent space. This item is to be saved by the erection of the new buildings, which are going on the state owned ground. All the buildings are standardized, all metal with fire proof ceiling, designed to cut down air space and save heating.

The new chart of field organization shows a net work of forces at strategic points, ready at a moment's notice for snow, washout or ordinary repairs, and so situated that emergency can be met in any district by calling upon the neighboring districts for aid, which will be available within a short time.

During the open season when all equipment is engaged on road work the plows will be stored out of way. All of the automotive equipment is interchangeable for use on snow removal or on road work as it is demanded, and many parts of the road equipment can be used in snow removal. This enables the department to make year-around use of nearly all equipment and to store unused machinery without crowding others.

An important feature of the new arrangement will be having equipment within easy reach of the work whether snow removal or construction. In case of a heavy local snowfall the forces will start from several directions at once before the snow reaches great

Keystone Women Enthusiastic

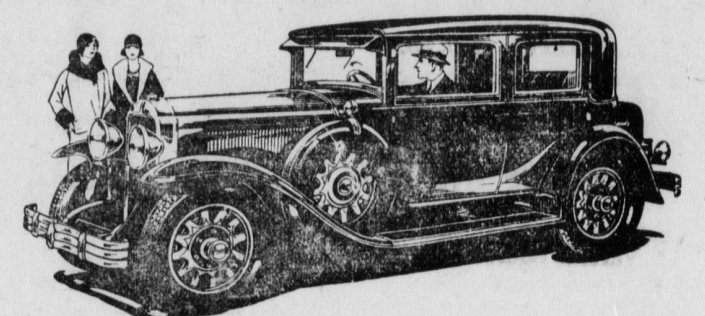


Left to right - Judge J. Francis Burke, General Counsel of the Republican National Committee; Mrs. Sara S. McNeil, chairman of the Women's Republican Committee of Pennsylvania; Mrs. J. Willis Martin, chairman Women's Republican Clubs of Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Worthington Scranton, Republican National Committeewoman from Pennsylvania.

PENNSYLVANIA women showed their enthusiasm for Herbert Hoover on September 11th, when the Republican women of the state observed "Hoover Day." Mrs. Worthington Scranton, Republican National Committeewoman from Pennsylvania, told Mr. Hoover when she, together with Mrs. Sara S. McNeil, secretary

of the Women's Committee of Pennsylvania, Mrs. J. Willis Martin, chairman of the Women's Republican Clubs of Pennsylvania and Judge J. Francis Burke, general counsel for the Republican National Committee, visited Mr. Hoover. Mrs. Scranton declared that the women's vote in the Keystone state will roll up a big Hoover lead.

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