

'71 Fall Colors Will Be Better

While Mother Nature's autumnal color spectacular is often attributed to everything from Jack Frost to dry weather, the real explanation lies in the earth's tilt, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

As the tilted earth speeds through space toward its winter position, the northern hemisphere moves away from the sun, shortening the amount of daylight. This triggers a biological switch that causes trees and other plants to stop producing chlorophyll.

Actually, fall colors are present in leaves all summer. When daylight wanes, chlorophyll is no longer made fast enough. The green leaf color diminishes and hidden hues begin to show.

"THE END product of this involved process is expected to draw 600,000 motorists onto Michigan highways between now and early November for fall color tours," according to Joseph Ratke, Auto Club touring manager.

"From all indication, this fall's color show should be the best in years. To view it," Ratke adds, "tourists are expected to spend almost \$48 million up five per cent from last year."

The reason this year's color tour should be better than usual is that warm, dry weather which the state is experiencing intensifies fall colors in woods and fields.

"Many people have the assumption that an early frost will produce good color, when actually it is detrimental," states Ratke.

VIVID FALL HUES usually last two weeks in an area, but heavy rains and high winds can cause an abbreviated season by knocking and blowing leaves from their branches.

"When and where color in an area is best depends on the location and the types of trees involved," according to Ratke.

Oak trees usually show color late in the season, elms early, and maples in mid-season.

AUTO CLUB'S calendar for viewing the most spectacular

color in various parts of Michigan is:

Upper peninsula and northern tip of lower peninsula - Sept. 24 to Oct. 3.

Northern third of lower peninsula - Oct. 1 to 10.

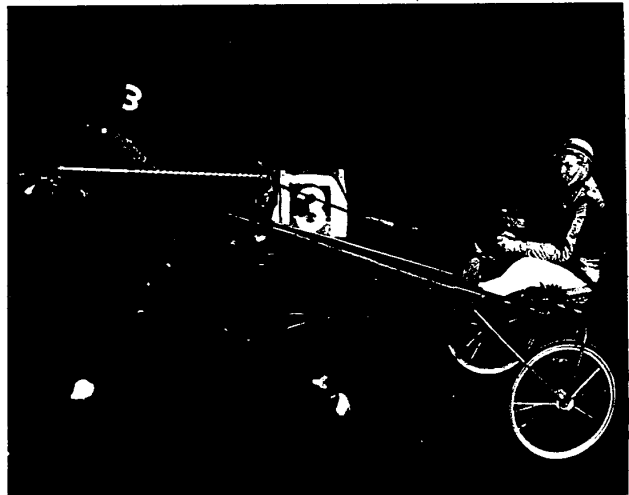
Central Michigan - Oct. 8 to 24.

Southern Michigan - Oct. 23 to November 7.

"Many chambers of commerce have special color tour maps for 'windsshield tourists' and have posted routes," Ratke says.

For example, the Petosky Chamber of Commerce has mapped four routings along 200 miles of road. Petosky tours highlight the country where Ernest Hemingway spent the first 21 years of his life.

"Wherever you are this fall, prospects for this year's color explosion appear to be of bonanza proportions if warm, dry weather continues," Ratke says.



IT HAD TO HAPPEN. After winning 17 straight, including one heat of the Brown Jug, Albatross finally went down in the fourth and deciding mile of the three year old classic in Delaware, O. Albatross won in 1:58.2.

58.1, finished second in the third heat and then was beaten by Nansemond in the championship after leading midway through the stretch. The time of the finale was 2:04.2.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

By George Maskin observing sports

For the better part of three weeks now, I felt very young again.

The calendar has turned back three decades and then some. I've been Joe College Maskin again.

With the Pistons training at Eastern Michigan University, I have found myself a regular visitor to the Hurons' campus. And, then, there have been side trips a few miles down the road to visit daughter Julie, who has just started at the University of Michigan.

It's refreshing for an oldster to troop around on a college campus again.

Suddenly, you think of the days when you were a student at Michigan State, then a college instead of the gigantic university that now sprawls over East Lansing.

Suddenly, you find yourself with a new bounce in the ol' legs. Your eyes pop around again. My, aren't the coeds an eyeful to look at!

But an eyeful, too, are the colleges and universities.

Remember when you used to umpire at Eastern Michigan? They couldn't have had more than 3,000 students then. Now the Eastern enrollment is up to around 20,000. The main campus has probably tripled since the early '50's and they have a sparkling new north campus with a new football and baseball stadium.

And, over at the University of Michigan, when we'd go there with Michigan State teams, the University had around 15,000 students. Today, there are somewhere around 35,000 - 40,000 students in Ann Arbor.

ON THE CAMPUSES, the students don't seem to act any differently than they did three decades ago. The kids still walk peacefully along to class. More ride bikes, because things are so spread out.

But, how dormitory life has changed! It used to be the boys were housed in one building, the girls in another.

No more. Where Julie resides, the boys occupy the first and top floor. In between the three floors, there are girls. The boys have free rein to go anywhere in the dorms. So do the girls. It wasn't that way when I was in college.

If you brought your date home to the dorm, you got into the lobby . . . and no farther.

But, by and large, the college students today impress you. They bring a warm feeling.

You have heard so much about the wild things that go on. No doubt they do, but the number of such students is said to be on the minute side . . . maybe two or three percent of the entire student body.

Surprisingly, at Eastern Michigan or Michigan, you don't see so many students with wild hairdos or in wild garb. For the most part the kids don't look much different than they did 20 years ago.

True, more students now attend classes in blue jeans. The gals as well as the boys.

But, so what? It saves mom and dad a lot of money when it comes to clothing, cleaning, washing, etc.

COLLEGE LIFE, today as yesterday, is not wild as some of us might think. Most of the students realize why they're in college and they tackle the books with as much fervor as their moms and dads did. Maybe even more.

Imagine Julie telling me that she spends four hours studying a night . . . and spends long periods in the library.

There's no question she has made the adjustment in a hurry. As a high school student, she took her studies in stride. A few hours here and there . . . that's the way she'd study at home.

Maybe she felt in high school that they wouldn't kick her out. It's not the same for the kids in college. Don't get the job done . . . and boom, it's home-sweet-home for you to face the embarrassment of being tossed out of college.

A visit to a college campus certainly can give you an impression that maybe you didn't have about the students there.

Nebraska Safe

Nebraska big game hunters have completed their 22nd year of hunting without a fatal gun accident, reports the Nebraska Game Commission. Nebraska has never had a gun fatality in the history of its deer and antelope seasons.

minus pool which has to be the most ever in Michigan.

While doing all this with the mutuel machines and the turnstile tabulators, the great three-year-old took the lead after a quarter and romped home by three lengths in 1:58.2. That is, Wolverine's fastest "locking for the Matron."

It was the 16th straight victory and the 17th in 18 starts for Albatross. The only loss came in early spring when he went against aged company in a New York stake . . . he wasn't quite up to it at that time.

The \$12,500 for first place boosted his season earnings to \$374,320 with several rich events ahead and hiked his bankroll to \$557,869 for two years of competition.

And believe it or not, Windsor owner Bert James reportedly had the colt up for sale for \$7,000 at Hazel Park a year ago and, lucky for him, couldn't find any takers.

Now he owns three of the 10 shares in the colt who has been syndicated for \$1 million. That sure is a far cry from \$7,000 and just in time of the green stuff he picked up in earnings.

ONE OF THE greatest success stories in harness racing is being written by the triumvirate from Salem, O., that comprises the Quaker City stable.

Just six years ago, the Quaker City Stable ownership consisted of seven partners who decided to get into harness racing with hopes of picking up a few horses at the Harrisburg, Pa. and Tattersalls (Lexington, Ky.) auctions.

They finally bought a yearling for \$12,000 by the name of Batman. Does that ring a bell? Batman turned out to be one of the nation's best as a two and three-year-old and now in his sixth year shows earnings of almost \$400,000.

He'll be retired at the end of this year to stud at an Ohio farm so that his own and daughters will be eligible for the rich colt stakes in the Buckeye State.

The seven-man syndicate gradually dwindled down to a mere three as the survivors bought out the others as they lost interest and wanted out.

THUS FOUR years ago, the trio - Bill Albright, a Salem, O. real estate developer; Glenn Shreve, of Damascus, O., a seller of harness racing equipment and supplies; and Dick Morris, of Lisbon, O., a dealer in livestock, went to the sales and paid \$15,000 for a son of Tar Heel aptly named Kentucky.

Once again they came up with the bargain of the year as events of the past three seasons have proved.

Kentucky was slow developing as a two but still picked up \$21,000 and started to show signs of greatness in the latter part of the year.

Then as a three, Kentucky was competing against Most Happy Fella and Columbia George, two of the best sophomore pacers to come up in a long time in the same year.

Kentucky was more or less overlooked even though he defeated both of his rivals during the year. He wound up adding \$68,697 to the Quaker City Stable coffers.

This has been Kentucky's year as he twice demonstrated to Wolverine patrons. He was an easy victor in the track record time of 1:57.4 in his first appearance.

THEN HE WAS pitted against a standout field in the \$38,707 Matron for four year-old pacers and again showed his speed by winning rather handsily over Keystone Pat in 1:58.2.

That triumph added more than \$19,000 to his season bankroll which climbed to \$136,171 and his total winnings to \$226,171.

Kentucky will compete in four or five more rich stakes before the end of the campaign and his owners believe he has a chance to pass \$300,000.

That has to be some kind of record. Two horses with a total cost of \$27,000 earning almost \$700,000 in a period of six years.

Dateline Outdoors

By LEM MESEE
Outdoors Writer

Hunting license prices will go up once Gov. Milliken signs a bill recently passed by the Legislature.

Federal officials say President Nixon's wage-price freeze doesn't apply because these fees come under the regulatory authority of the state.

Small game licenses will be \$5 for Michigan residents, up \$2. Deer licenses will be \$1.50, up \$2.50, for both gunners and archers.

All non-resident licenses

will go up by \$5 - to \$25 for small game, \$40 for firearm deer and \$20 for archery deer.

Unchanged is the sportsmen's license at \$18.50, the resident bear license at \$5.10 and the non-resident bear license at \$25.10.

one of the best perch waters in the Midwest.

So the Department of Natural Resources is asking that small-mesh gill nets be prohibited in the bay for 1972.

Another change in 1972 management rules would expand the sport fishing development area in northwestern Lake Michigan to cover Green Bay plus Little and Big Bay de Noc. Under that change, waters lying west and south of Sac Bay Point - now part of a commercial fishing zone - would be added to the sport fishing development area.

COMMERCIAL fishermen are seriously depleting the population of perch in Saginaw Bay, once famed as

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