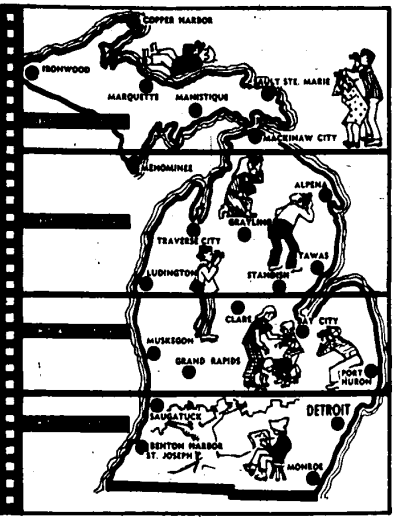




Camera can capture fall color

Use your camera to capture the beauty of Michigan's fall color season.

Michigan's rugged Great Lakes shoreline, inland lakes, gently rolling countryside and quaint villages provide a scenic background for the vivid hues of Michigan's woods in autumn color.

Bert Emanuele, chief photographer for Auto Club's Motor News magazine, advises camera buffs in search of fall color photos to "think color and watch for interesting props."

"Try to include some action or activity when shooting to get the more natural look," he said. "For instance, when photographing Michigan's colorful autumn scenes, make sure you include a child or animal in your picture."

"OR, TO GET a farm atmosphere, photograph a farmhouse or a cornfield with trees in the background."

Interesting props would include historical markers, old lighthouses, rustic bridges and cider mills. A child or pet at play usually makes a more interesting subject than one staring back at the camera lens.

Upper Peninsula camera buffs in search of fall color pictures might investigate the many ghost towns and abandoned mines that can be found in the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Color tours in the Leelanau Peninsula and Traverse City area include scenic lighthouses—at Nordport and on the Old Mission Peninsula. A fish hatchery and Christmas tree farms are some of the attractions in the Cadillac area, while the Lake Shore Scenic Drive will provide awesome views of woods and water between Petoskey and Mackinaw City.

THE ISABELLA Indian Reservation and Central Michigan University are featured on a tour of the Midland-Mount Pleasant area, and covered bridges near Smyrna and Ada are part of the Ionia-area tour. Other color tours in southeastern lower Michigan include cider mills, "pick-them-yourself" apple orchards, antiques and nature centers.

The state's freeways and major highways are corridors for getting to the scenes of Michigan's fall color, but take to the byways to really enjoy the colorful forests.

Camera buffs can obtain color tour information from area tourist bureaus or chambers of commerce, and Auto Club members will find up-to-date reports available at local offices across the state.

Because of last month's record rainfall, the fall color season will arrive in Michigan at least a week earlier than last year. Tourists officials in the Upper Peninsula estimate color will be at its peak there starting Sept. 28 and ending Oct. 2.

THE COLOR will spread to northern lower Michigan Sept. 27 through Oct. 9; central lower Michigan, Oct. 4-16, and southern lower Michigan, Oct. 11-21.

Red maples, dogwoods and ash are among the first trees to change color. The red or swamp maple leaves turn a brilliant red, while dogwoods are a rich scarlet, and ashes have a coloring all their own—a blend of yellow and purple.

Hickories, redbud, birch and poplar turn a golden yellow early in fall, while Hawthorns, many crab, sweet gum, cherries, oaks and mountain ash become red or red-orange.



Shafer moves to California

Arthur Shafer, former marketing director with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, has recently accepted a position with the Leshner Newspaper Group of California.

Shafer, who also worked for the Eccentric Newspapers prior to the merger of Observer Newspapers Inc. and the Eccentric Newspapers, will serve as sales and marketing director for the group. The company is comprised of 15 daily and weekly newspapers.

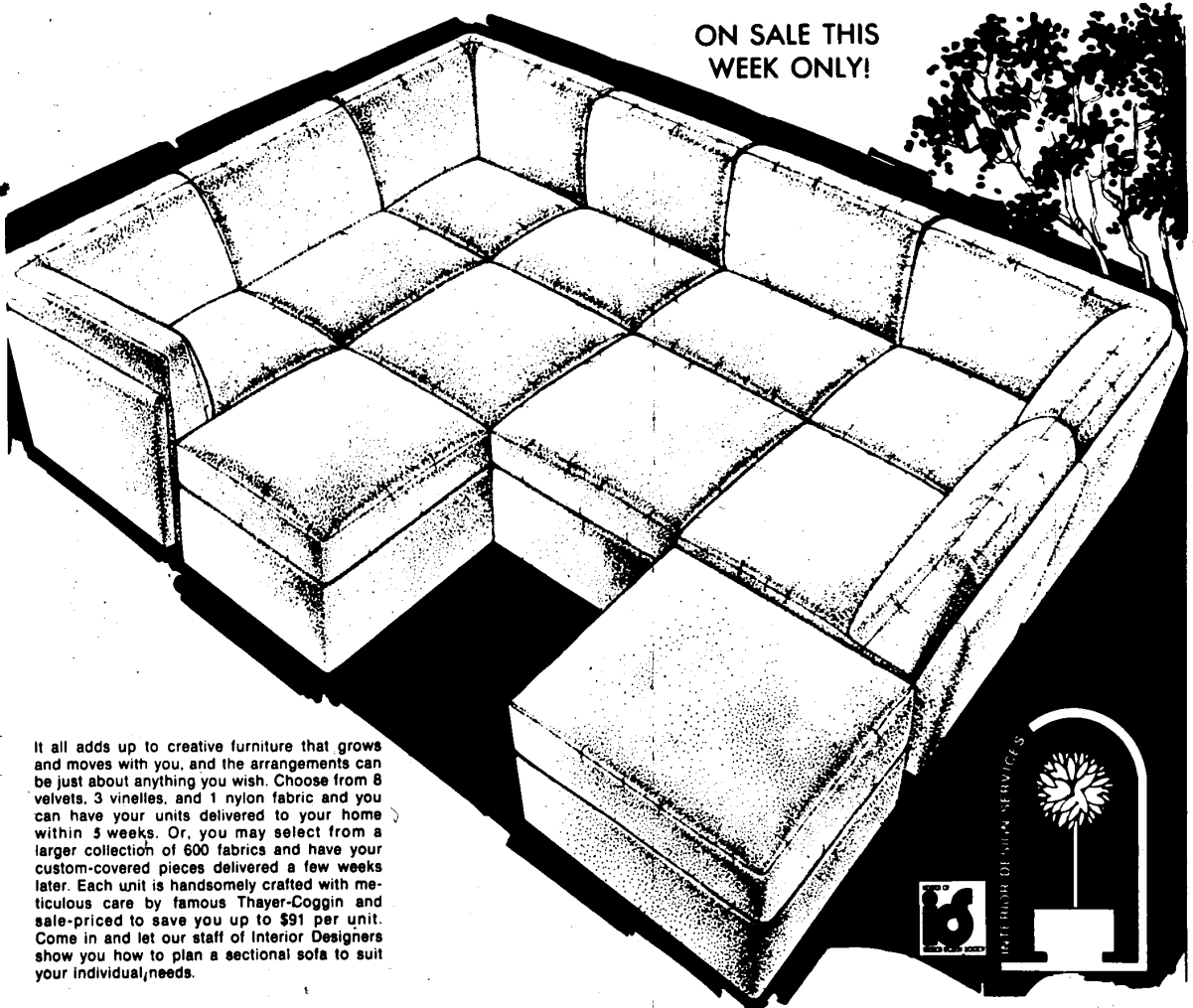
Its corporate headquarters are in Walnut Creek, Calif., near San Francisco.

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