

## Ringside Seats Free For Autumn Pageant

Ringside seats for the pageant of autumn are now free for all who care enough to go and see. Here are gleanings from your scribe's notebook on a recent trip across the state.

Autumn is ever lavish with her paint brush. Early to color is the black gum, also called sour gum and tupelo. This we saw in a small woodlot where its bright scarlet beauty stood out in the landscape. Resembling a pear tree in shape, it may grow to a height of 60 feet. At a ball after the battle of New Orleans, President and Mrs. Jackson danced to the jig tune "Possum Up De Gum Tree."

The scarlet burgundy of Virginia creeper was everywhere rampant, clothing the trunks and reaching into the top-most branches of tall oaks and elms. Sumac which crowds the hills and dales, is now at its best, a rich coral-red topped with velvety fruits. It not only steals the color show but provides an all-year-round bird food.



Mrs. Frehse

rival our red maple. We re-echo Bliss Carmon's words "The scarlet of the maples can shake me like a ty of bugles going by." Blue chicory, yellow snap-dragon, pink bouncing bet and white Queen Anne's lace make a late roadside bouquet. These "weeds" which have survived repeated mowings answer all discriminators by sending down more and more vigorous roots.

Among wild flowers, it is the aster tribe which belongs most surely to autumn. Reaching deep into the landscape like slow smoke over the hills, they are a final salute to summer's end.

HOWEVER THERE IS no season when all of nature is color and beauty. The speedways are littered with dead animals among them skunks, squirrels, opossum and raccoon. From its perch on a roadside fence, a red-shouldered hawk turned an appraising eye toward this enticing bill-of-fare. A short distance beyond, the shadow of low-circling buzzard wings fell

over the smooth roadway. Late bees buzzed over the purple blooms of second growth alfalfa. White cabbage and yellow sulphur butterflies fluttered and fell in the late sunshine. Woolly bear caterpillars made their leisurely way across the road, taking their last foraging trip before their winter's hibernation.

These are the caterpillar stage of the Isabella moth and there are those who predict the length of winter by the width of the brown central band of this hairy creature.

A FEW LATE crickets chirped and a short walk through an old meadow stirred up a board of hardy grasshoppers. But the large majority of insect species finally succumb to our first severe frosts. However, nature preserves the species in egg or inert larva concealed in endless clever ways, protected always against the rigors of winter. Sometimes, as in the case of wasps, the fertile female

hibernates. Edwin Teale writes "The lights are dimming, the audience has left, the actors are trooping away." Modern machinery has erased many of the picturesque features of the old fashioned harvest when "The frost was on the pumpkin and the fodder in the shock."

But the colored autumn continues. Harvest is spring's fulfillment, the gateway to winter's rest.

ON OUR WAY home we stopped briefly at Kennington Park where we observed a migrating flock of some 250 Canada geese feeding on a green frozen crop probably planted for their benefit. It was on a late October day when Thoreau wrote "And something more I saw which cannot easily be described."

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## Say Farewell to Featherstones

Richard Featherstone, former assistant superintendent of Birmingham schools, (right) was honored recently by teachers at Torry school where he was principal for six years before joining the administration. Some 125 persons gathered to say farewell to the Featherstones who are leaving for the Michigan State university where he will be an associate professor of education in the graduate school. Pictured with him are Mrs. Featherstone and Torry Principal Donald Burba.

### LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF MICHIGAN - The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. In the Matter of the Estate of HELEN L. PORTER, Deceased.

At a session of said court held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 24th day of September, A. D. 1960.

Present: Honourable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Order appointing time for hearing.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 15th day of December, 1960, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the Court House at the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to file written claim therefore, with this Court and with the fiduciary of this estate, under oath, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eclectic a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

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Oliver H. Ellis, Atty., 3016 Guardian Bldg., Detroit 26

STATE OF MICHIGAN - The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. In the Matter of the Estate of BRITTA R. CHILES, Deceased.

At a session of said court held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 15th day of October, A. D. 1960.

Present: Honourable Hiram B. Smith, Judge of Probate Livingston County, acting in the temporary absence of Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate of Oakland County.

Order appointing time for hearing.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 2nd day of January, 1961, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the Court House at the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to file written claim therefore, with this Court and with the fiduciary of this estate, under oath, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

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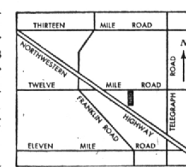
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