

It's Fall Hat Time; Will Yours Flatter Or Be 'Just A Hat'?

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There are several reasons why you suddenly feel that you need a new fall hat. The straw one you're wearing looks faded and sunburned, or your hair is streaked from summer sun and needs covering. And with new hats showing up on streets, in buses and in church, you feel it's time for a change.

A small black velvet hat is a good one for the end of the summer season. It won't make tired summer dresses look shabby and it can be worn all winter.

Buying a new hat simply throws some women. Even after years of trying, and much money spent, they still don't know what type becomes them. That's why we see tall thin women wearing tiny pinnacles of hats perched on top of their heads, and round dumpy women wearing round dumpy hats.

THE LINES of a hat can do wonders for the facial defects most of us possess. They can also help camouflage thinness, fatness, lack of height or too much of it.

That's why one should never decide on a hat without first trying it on before a full-length mirror. It may go well with the face—but be devastating to the figure. And the front view is not enough. So take a look at it from the back, the side—with you head tilted and with it straight. That's the way other people see you and your hat.

For the wide face be sure that your hat is a little wider than the broadest part of the face. An oblique line instead of a horizontal one is best.

IF YOUR NOSE is long don't repeat its line in that of your hat—for instance don't wear a tricorne with a point in front. Here again, an irregular line in the brim will soften the nose-line. Height above the forehead will minimize the nose. On the other hand, don't wear an up-tilted brim if you have an up-tilted nose.

If your face is long and narrow never wear tall thin hats—even when they're the rage. You can wear a wide-brimmed hat, but the crown should be as narrow as your head. Otherwise you will look top-heavy.

With glasses there seems to be only one limiting rule—Let most of the forehead show—then select the hat that becomes you the best.

CERTAIN FABRICS, such as velvets and soft velours, especially in deep colors, are kind to complexions. On the other hand, a gauzy, flowery or multi-colored hat emphasizes a course or blotchy skin. A nose-veil is younger looking than a full-face one and is a good camouflage for little lines around the eyes.

Hats can cut height by horizontal lines, or add to it by the use of tall trimmings and high crowns. They can de-emphasize weight by enough bulk—plus soaring, upward effects. If you're rounded, let the hat have sharp angles. If you have the angles, let the hat have a softening effect.

Many women go hatless today, but they lose something by not wearing a hat. They lose that extra finish that it can add. For a hat is the exclamation-point of a costume!

Fidelity to the truth is an absolute necessity between two people, if they are going to do anything unusual in life. The same fact bears upon nations, if they are to get together to win and maintain international peace. No business man can do business with a liar.



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WHEN FOSTER AFB held graduation exercises for the 117 men completing basic training in single engine jet pilot school, Dr. and Mrs. D. C. Ensign of Franklin were there to see their son Jim receive his diploma and be designated him a second lieutenant in the USAF. Also in the party were the lieutenant's fiancée, Miss Judy Werner of St. Clair, and his sister, Jane. The young man earned a rating of seventh in his class. A graduate of Baldwin high school, 1948, and the University of Michigan, 1952, he enlisted in July of 52 getting basic training at Columbus, Miss., Air Force Base.



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PVT. RICHARD L. JEFFERS, son of George Jeffers, 669 Saffield, has been named Battalion Soldier of the Week at the Medical Replacement Training Center at Camp Pickett. Pvt. Jeffers was picked from 1000 men on the basis of personal appearance, soldierly conduct, and medical and military knowledge acquired the previous week. A 1948 Baldwin High School graduate, Jeffers attended the University of Michigan and Mexico City College and received a BA degree in February of this year from Ohio University. He entered the Army in May.

We Heard It Said By: W. M. HROWN, member Birmingham plan commission: "I believe that the people of our city are opposed to the erection of more apartment and terrace buildings. Personally, I favor keeping Birmingham a community of single homes."

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Herring Boxes, With Their Topses A Bargain Were For Half A Dime

Price wars are nothing new. Birmingham had one in 1884 and the customers, as usual, benefited.

This price war started when the meat market on the northeast corner of Woodward and Maple, owned by Alex Parks and John Hanna, received 50 boxes of dried herring.

The usual price was 15 cents a box but as a "special" Parks and Hanna marked them down to 13 cents. Then the fun commenced.

Blakelee and Company (on the northwest corner of the intersection) found out about the "special" offer and they had a herring on hand, they dropped the price of theirs to 12 cents a box.

Whitehead and Mitchell, located at that time in the store now occupied by Shain's drugs, was not going to be caught with their herring up—so the price of herring at their store was 10 cents a box.

The L. B. Peabody and Orin Popson stores in the village were primarily dry good stores, and while they might have stocked dried herring, they did not get into the ring.

SO IT WAS Parks and Hanna's turn again—8 cents a box. Blakelee and Company saw the 3 cents and marked their herring three cents lower, making herring only 5 cents per box.

Then Whitehead and Mitchell went into action, rolled up their sleeves, took a running start and cleared out "herring" a dry load of herring—two boxes for 5 cents.

Quickness reigned again in the village. The big hearted and generous business men were finished. It was said then that "you couldn't buy a box of herring in Birmingham for love nor money."

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Significant Dates
In 1903 the Wright brothers flew their heavier-than-air machine at Kitty Hawk, N. C.; the first successful auto trip across the country was completed; the Republic of Panama was born (illegitimately, some say); 602 died in the Iroquois theatre fire in Chicago; the king and queen of Serbia were assassinated; Henry Ford organized the Ford Motor Co.; AND The Birmingham Eccentric observed its silver anniversary.

The following year, 1904, the Russo-Japanese War began; the Canal treaty with Panama was ratified; the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis opened; New York's subway went into operation; AND George G. Booth, the general manager of The Detroit News, bought the farmlands that became Cranbrook.

Wins Culver Naval Award
CULVER, Ind., Aug. 15—Mid. William R. VanderKloot from Birmingham, Mich., has been awarded the Tuxis Gold Medal, the highest honor that can be achieved in the Culver Military Academy summer schools where he is a member of the Naval School this summer. VanderKloot earned the award in competition with 657 boys enrolled in the Naval School, one of four summer programs on the Culver campus enrolling more than 1400 boys from 40 states, the District of Columbia, and 10 foreign countries.

He is the son of Robert C. VanderKloot, 975 Arlington Dr., Birmingham.

AT THE SAME time Midshipman Ethan W. Golden, grandson of Mrs. Abner A. Wolf, 4540 Walnut Lake road, Birmingham, received the bronze Tuxis medal. The Tuxis Gold Medal is awarded to midshipmen only after they have achieved high honor accomplishments.

We Heard It Said By: CHARLES KRENFREW, Birmingham city commissioner: "I believe our city government should go ahead and try to develop plans of financing proposed new street parking areas for Birmingham. This, of course, will include payment of the cost of the street parking areas in benefited business property will pay its right share of the cost, and the amount of which the city will abrogate itself. Passage of the proposed ordinance we now have before us many have told us, will only invite litigation."



JOHN D. TEBBEN, 1829 Lone Pine, well known management consultant, has been elected president and chairman of the board of the recently organized Wagner Brothers Equipment company at Wayne.

As head of John D. Tebben and company, he has been associated with Wagner for the past year. He plans, now, to devote his whole time to the new company, along with Transformers, Inc. and Wagner Brothers, Inc. of which he is vice president and director.

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The Claws Auxiliary has as a project the construction of a building in which to hold its meetings. Mrs. Edward Hampton now is president.

Other officers include Mrs. Jean Isaacson, vice president; Mrs. Alma Mahon, junior vice president; Mrs. Mary K. Christianson, treasurer; Mrs. Noel Barton, secretary; Mrs. Jack Bryant, chairman; Mrs. Mary Fielding, conductress; Mrs. Fanny Senequet, guard.

Mrs. Anna Bell Granger, one year trustee; Mrs. Ruth Ella Mennare, three year trustee and musician; Mrs. Rosa May LaBelle, and Mrs. Martha Moore, color bearers.

Committee heads are Mrs. Lorraine Helms, Americanism and community service; Mrs. Martha Moore, adult education; Mrs. Mary Fielding, home fund; Mrs. Verma Barton, hospital; Mrs. Helms, legislative; Mrs. Ruth Ella Mennare, rehabilitation and cancer fund; Mrs. Edward Hampton, youth activity; Mrs. Jean Isaacson, membership; and Mrs. Barton, publicity.

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