

Hartman Wears a Bryan Hat

Henry Hartman, charter member of the Monroe County Farm Bureau wears a William Jennings Bryan hat. He has in all the years we've known him, and that goes back to the early 20's. A Bryan hat, by the way, is a black felt hat with a very wide brim.

Henry told us more about the hat recently. Back in 1896 when he was farming at Tuscola, Illinois, Henry was one of a crowd that gathered to meet the great commoner's train when he came to Tuscola for a campaign address. There Henry and his five brothers saw Bryan and his Bryan hat, which William Jennings Bryan wore to the end of his days.

The five Hartman brothers adopted the hat. Henry still wears his, and he doesn't look like Henry without it. "You can't buy one any more in Milan," he said. "This one my son brought from some place. My daughter thinks I'd come to like a narrow brim hat. So I have one. But I like this broad brimmed hat, and I'll be wearing it a lot."

Most Anything Makes a Lady's Hat

Most anything goes this spring in determining what is fashionable in hats for women.

At least that is the deduction of Marion Hillhouse at Michigan State college. Sailors, "salad bowls" and Walt Disney's Snow White all influence what apparently is in style.

The flat sailor or boater is considered one of the most popular types. Selection is logical because this kind of hat goes with the trim tailored suits that many women prefer to wear in spring.

Those who are short and round should avoid the flat sailor, Miss Hillhouse suggests, because it seems to decrease apparent height. Instead she points to the rolled up Breton which is being called the salad bowl Breton. Worn tilted forward it offers more height and smartness, if it is becoming.

Peaked Snow White dwarf caps are decidedly tall but popular, yet most of the hats have flatter crown and wider brims than are more fashionably associated with spring.

Color runs rampant, but the suggestion of fashion leaders is that there shouldn't be too lavish a mixture either in clothes, hats or trimmings. The giant hats of 1910 with a flower garden atop still are not back in style.

Shape of the hat is all important, and from there the selection depends on getting something that is new and smart in line.

Deer Troubles In New Jersey

Ravages to farm crops by deer in New Jersey have become so serious that the Farm Bureau has asked the state to provide a system to indemnify farmers against losses caused by deer and to establish feeding grounds to attract deer away from the farms. In commenting on the request, John E. Brockett, County Agent in Atlantic county, said that he has seen good land in his area that can not be farmed because of deer. The Fish and Game Commission protects the deer. The farmers do not object to that but they are insisting that something be done to limit their depredations on farm crops, particularly blueberries, strawberries, young orchards and cover crops.

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Chopping Champion

Thirty-three year old Archie Lobdell of Livingston Manor, Sullivan county, is New York state's new wood-chopping champion. Severing a 10-inch beech log in 38.3 seconds at Cornell's Farm and Home Week, he topped a field of 14 contestants from all parts of the state.

Lobdell's time set a new record for the contest. The previous mark of 41 seconds was held by Walter Reynolds of Poughquag, Dutchess county, three-time winner.

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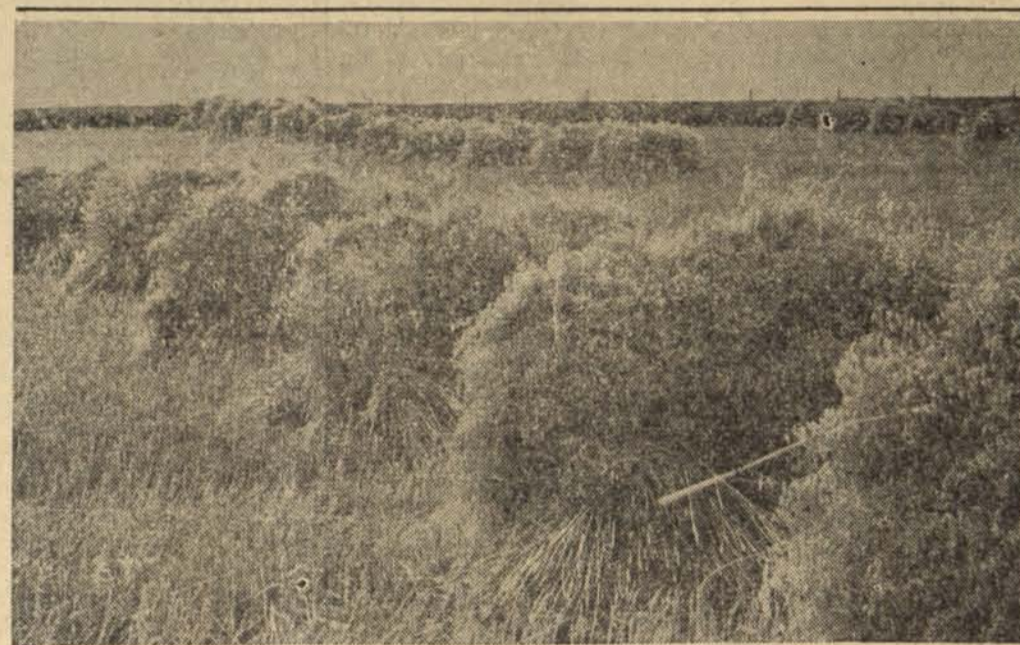
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