

## Secretary Hyde Reports On Agriculture

Condition of Country in Grain and Live Stock Sections Improving Fast—Other Sections Show Some Improvement

American agriculture's total income for the crop year 1929-30 should equal if it does not exceed that of the previous year, notwithstanding the fact widespread drought reduced crop yields materially, says Secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde in his annual report to the President, made public today. Following are a number of extracts from the report:

### Prospective Agricultural Income

Widespread drought during the growing season of 1929 dried up pastures and reduced crop yields below those of any recent year. The losses in production, however, were so evenly distributed for the country as a whole that no large area had either very bountiful or very short crops. Moreover, from the standpoint of the producers, reduced yields seemed likely to be more than offset by price advances. It is probable that the real total income from agricultural production for the 1929-30 crop year will equal, if it does not exceed that of the 1928-29 season.

### Improvement Continues in Live Stock Industry

Further improvement was made by the livestock industry in 1929, though favorable trends were not as sharply defined as in 1928. Certain branches of the industry showed losses, but gross returns to livestock producers in the first eight months of the year were approximately \$93,000,000 more than in the corresponding period of 1928. Figures showing net returns are not available, but undoubtedly the current year has been profitable for the livestock industry on the whole. Gain in gross income was effected despite a decrease of 1,187,000 head of meat animals slaughtered under Federal inspection in the first eight months of the year as compared with the number slaughtered in the corresponding period of 1928. The increased return from a reduced volume of sales was partly the result of higher average prices and partly of a higher average weight in the animals slaughtered.

### Dairy Position Favorable

In general, the position of the dairy industry has been favorable this year, though not as markedly so as it was in 1928. Prices of butter, cheese and other dairy products have not averaged as high as they did last year, largely because dairy production increased generally during the spring and summer months. In the fall, however, dry pastures curtailed production. Consumption during the year held up fairly well as compared with consumption in recent years. In the last eight years, despite a generally upward trend in dairy production, our domestic consumption of dairy products has consistently exceeded our domestic production by about 1 per cent. There is reason to believe that this close adjustment will continue. The dairy industry is very stable. It is not showing any immediate prospect of a marked expansion.

### Farm Credit Requirements

Farm credit remains costly in many parts of the United States notwithstanding the great improvement that has been made in agricultural credit facilities during the last ten or fifteen years. The Federal Reserve Act of 1913, the Farm Loan Act of 1916 and the Intermediate Credit Act of 1923 brought about favorable changes of fundamental importance. Further progress may be expected from the financial provision of the agricultural marketing Act of 1929. As yet, however, the potentialities of our credit system are reflected very imperfectly in the terms and conditions under which farmers obtain credit. In many instances the gap between the supply of credit at central money markets and the farmers' credit requirements has not yet been bridged.

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## Traffic Signs Changed On Dallas-Trucksville Road

Stop Signs Changed From Upper Road to Lower Road—Stops Congestion of Traffic At Lower End of Town

The State Highway Department, by agreement with the county commissioners, have changed the "stop signs" which were placed at the intersection of the Upper Road at the lower end of Dallas and at the intersection of the Dallas-Trucksville road.

The signs were formerly placed so that all traffic, traveling on the upper road going in the direction of Dallas had to come to a complete stop when entering the highway which runs to Fernback from Dallas. One also had to stop when traveling the Upper Road going to Trucksville at the intersection of the lower road at West Trucksville.

One can now travel to Trucksville or down the valley by using the upper road without any highway interruptions, and they can also come to Dallas from down the pike by using the upper road without any stops.

This action on the part of the Highway Department is a big benefit to the traveling public.

## Red Cross Notes of Local Interest

### Luzerne County Commissioners Rendering Great Help in Fighting Tuberculosis

The county commissioners are helping with the tuberculosis patients, maintaining 120 at White Haven sanatorium for the county. The cases go through the Red Cross and the ones in their own district are investigated by them. Plymouth, Pittston, Hazleton and Nanticoke societies investigate in their own sections.

### Relief

The Red Cross also furnish relief to such tuberculosis cases that are unable to go to a sanatorium by furnishing milk, cure chairs, cots, air cushions, etc. Two hundred and sixty cases were helped and 7,538 quarts of milk supplied.

### Nutrition

The nutrition class is another means of tuberculosis prevention. The children who are underweight have defects corrected and are taught the proper method to gain weight by the selection of foods with the highest caloric value; the proper amount of rest; they are weighed each week and questioned in regard to their diet, etc. The home is visited and the mothers instructed. They are responsible for establishing eighteen such classes, ten personally conducted by us, 160 children enrolled, having an average gain of eight pounds per child for seventy weeks.

### Camp

Luzerne County Fresh Air Camp for Undernourished Children at Drums was built by the county commissioners in 1927 to accommodate fifty children. In 1928 they enlarged the building, which now makes it possible to care for one hundred.

These children must be over 10 per cent underweight, preferably contacts of tuberculosis. They are given a thorough physical examination and have all remedial defects corrected prior to admission.

They are supervised continually; take two hours sun-cure and two hours rest daily; are given the proper and nourishing diet, and are taught a certain amount of vocational therapy.

The gains this year exceeded any in the past, an average of seven pounds per child; the highest gain 13 1/2 pounds in five weeks and 16 pounds in 7 1/2 weeks. The Red Cross maintain sixty children at this camp.

### DEATH OF ATTORNEY HOBBS SHOCK TO HIS MANY FRIENDS

The sudden death Saturday night of Attorney Hobbes of Kingston came as a severe surprise to his many friends and clients of this section. Attorney Hobbes had a legion of friends and associates in this Upper West Side. When a young man Mr. Hobbes was a school teacher. He was master of the old academy at Sweet Valley and later through the influence of John Reiman and Mr. Kirkendall the academy was moved to Dallas, where he was master for a number of years. In telling of these and other incidents to a reporter of the Post recently, Attorney Hobbes had promised to come up to Rotary in the near future and tell of his early experiences as a young man in this section. The passing of Attorney Hobbes leaves a stamp of progress on both the educational system of the county as well as on the legal fraternity.

### DUPONT PAINT COMPANY HOSTS AT STERLING

Dupont Paint and Powder Company held a banquet at Hotel Sterling Monday night. All its painting clients were invited to feast at Dupont's expense. There was a door prize of five gallons of Dupont's white lead paint with individual favors of a white mystery box. Investigation by the curious painters revealed painters' caps, books of instruction, an excellent painting brush. During the course of the five course banquet there was music and speeches.

## TAG DEMAND FALLS OFF AS "DEAD LINE" NEARS

Harrisburg, Dec. 6.—The amazing rush with which Pennsylvanians early in October made application for their 1930 automobile plates—a rush which at its beginning led Commissioner Benjamin G. Eynon to wonder whether the Motor Vehicles Bureau would have anything at all to do in December, has ended in a slump surprising even to pessimists at Harrisburg who expect that sort of thing.

If passenger car owners continue to make application for tags at their present rate of 6282 per day the last of them will be getting their plates July 27 next. The calculation is very simple. A total of 1,500,000 passenger car owners have not made application. The figure divided by 6282 gives 238-plus. The answer indubitably is July 27.

In 1928 car owners exceeded by 1301 applications daily the mark they are making in 1929.

"I confess my inability to understand their delay," said Commissioner Eynon today. "We have been mailing plates since October 1. The price then was the same as it will be January 1. The average car owner had more money than he will have the week after Christmas. There will be no 'after-Christmas bargain sales' of motor vehicles license tags. Nor will there be an extension of time for the use of 1929 plates."

### WILKES-BARRE-HAZLETON HIGHWAY COMPLETED

You can now travel to Hazleton via Mountain Top and Albetts over the newly completed concrete highway. The State Highway Department opened the road for travel on Wednesday morning, and one can now go from Mountain Top to Hazleton over a fine concrete highway, and, in addition, saving approximately two and one-half miles over the new route.

Luzerne county is fast getting its share of state improvements, which are largely due to the efforts of Senator Sordani.

### DALLAS SCHOOL BOARD REORGANIZED TUESDAY

The Dallas school board on Tuesday evening last held its regular reorganization meeting with James F. Besecker being sworn in, taking the place of F. F. Morris.

Clifford Space was elected president; D. A. Water vice president with James F. Besecker remaining as secretary.

### KILLS DEER

Lou Halock, brother of Ralph Hallock of town, and Ed Hallock of Shavertown, killed a fine six-pronged buck at their hunting lodge in Pike County.

It was rumored that Harry Garrahan killed a fine six-pronged buck on Wednesday but we were unable to confirm the story.

### HARVEY WINS AS HAZLETON MAYOR

Mayor Harvey of Hazleton will start the year with his third term as mayor of Hazleton, due to a late decision handed down by the Luzerne county court on Friday.

Mayor Harvey defeated William Gerlach by a majority of seven votes, and this closes a contest that has taken up the time of the court for the last month.

### IREM CADDIES DINED

On Thursday evening several members of Irem Country Club were hosts to 137 caddies who worked during the past year at the golf grounds.

A fine turkey dinner was served, entertainment furnished by the members and a fine time was had by the ball chasers.

### HAS TRUCK SMASHED

Tom Reese, of Dallas, while hauling coal on Monday smashed into the road curbing at Wyoming. Mr. Reese was blinded by the blizzard and in an effort to stop before hitting two parked cars ahead of him on the highway he slipped his brakes quickly which threw him into the curbing. The accident caused some coal bins to get rather low before Tom was organized again.

### TWO BOYS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE FROM ASPHYXIATION

Leo Comiskey, foreman of the Dallas Post print shop, had quite a scare early last week when his two nephews were partially asphyxiated at their home in Wilkes-Barre by escaping gas fumes.

About 4 o'clock on Tuesday morning Mr. Comiskey's sister, Mrs. William Carley, heard a noise in the bathroom. Rushing out of her bedroom and into the bathroom she found her younger son, William, aged 12, leaning out of the window and unconscious. The hallway and all other parts of the house but her room was filled with escaping gas. Running to the room in which her sons slept she found her other son, John, aged 16, unconscious in bed. She immediately threw open all windows and summoned aid. It was some time before the boys were revived. All members of the family were made ill by the effects of the gas and the boys were sick for some time. It is believed that some one in passing tidily brushed against the valve which controls the flow of gas and that it was not discovered before the family retired for the night. Dr. Tobias treated them.

### LEHMAN BOYS KILL DEER

Charles Randall, son of Anstett and Fred Anstett killed an eight-pronged buck while hunting in Pike county on Thursday.

## Noxen is Centre of Deer Hunting In This Region

Hillsides Abound With Big Game—Eleven Deer Shot There During This Week.

There may be better places to hunt deer than in the hills and mountains surrounding Noxen, but any far-traveling hunter will have to be a convincing talker to make Noxen hunters believe it. And the reason is plain enough. Eleven deer were shot near Noxen during the week.

Any old timer will tell you that Noxen is a quiet little place, huddled quietly among the hills and seldom making a noise louder than the tannery whistle during the year. But there are a few seasons when that village springs right to the front and makes a strong bid for attention from its neighboring communities. Those seasons are the opening of the trout season, huckleberry time, baseball season and the deer hunting season.

Few communities are better situated by nature or take a keener interest in the out-of-doors and the hunting and fishing season than this little Wyoming county town.

With several fine hunting clubs in the vicinity and with the citizens of the community actively interested in the conservation and the protection of game and fish, it is not to be wondered at that a large part of the male population was out early Monday morning on the trail of the nimble-footed deer. Nor is it hard to see why so many families in Noxen are enjoying venison this week-end or why they will be enjoying it for weeks to come.

Among the first of the successful sportsmen to bag a deer was Frank Turner, a veteran hunter, who made his kill on Monday not far from the Limited Twenty hunting cabin on South Mountain. Ira Miller, after several unsuccessful seasons, determined that he'd get a buck this year. He got a big one weighing about 175 pounds.

On Wednesday Edgar Engelman, after missing two beautiful shots at a big buck, caught just a glimpse of his, fleeing white tail through the brush, took a quick shot at it and laid his quarry low. Harry Miller likewise brought a buck home and now he'll be having venison for the rest of the season. On Friday Clarence Boston, putting aside banking duties for a while, journeyed up the mountain side and almost before one could say "Jack Robinson" brought down a nine-pronged buck. Earl Ayers of Kingston shot one. And then from all sections of the mountains came reports of other buck being shot. A party of three Wyoming county hunters in the vicinity of Beth Run each shot a deer on the same day. Over Beaumont way, Westover Smith on his way to his barn early in the morning caught sight of a deer, soon got his gun and soon got his deer. Two other men are reported as having shot deer near Beaumont.

Many hunters reported seeing plenty of deer but either missed their shots or were unable to get a shot at the fleet-footed animals. Tom Patton, on his way to Stull, early in the evening saw three does and two bucks in one group but was unable to shoot at the bucks in the gathering darkness. Frank Root saw eleven in one group.

While all the shooting was going on almost within earshot of Noxen, two hardy groups of hunters were after deer on the mountain tops. One of these groups was at the Limited Twenty cabin, where A. E. Dimmick is chief cook and hotel d'maitre. Among those who are spending the season at the cabin or who will be there before the season closes are: R. S. Crosby, C. A. Boston, A. E. Dimmick, Frank Turner, James Strohl, B. Z. R. Howell, Dr. Ayers, Lewis Hackling, Paul Montross, Earl Richards, Oscar Hackling, John McMillan, George Stitzer, George Moscow, Clarence Turner, Clark Brobst, Howard Engelman and Edgar Engelman.

### TO AWARD BADGES

Several local Girl Scouts will receive proficiency badges at the Girl Scout rally to be held in Dallas on December 14th.

### DALLAS BASKET BALL TEAM ORGANIZES

The Dallas basketball team held a meeting Monday evening, December 2. It was decided to organize a combination club consisting of the Athletic Club and the Dramatic Club, which was later carried unanimously.

The following officers were elected: Nick Davis, president; Jack Roberts, vice president; Ella Sutton, secretary; Addison Woolbert, treasurer.

The club will hold its meeting the second Monday of each month. The matter of conducting a dance was discussed but nothing definite was decided up.

### CAR BURNS SATURDAY NIGHT

You got a thrill Saturday night speeding to town over the Mt. Greenwood road. Right in front of Ed Morgan's grocery store an automobile was a mass of roaring flames. It was a Chalmers belonging to John Wilcox. Neither John nor Russell Frantz, who was with him, can tell how it happened. All they know is that suddenly the car started to spit fire and evidently the car was doing its best to get them warm, for they were nearly frozen and in its efforts must have overdone itself. John will now have to haul his chickens and eggs to market with his noisy Henry while the rest of us inspect our wiring systems.

### O. E. S. BANQUET

The first annual banquet of Dallas Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will be held in the Colonial Tea Room at Fernbrook on Monday evening, December 16. The tickets are on sale and may be purchased from any of the officers. The price is \$1.25. There is an interesting program planned of music and readings. Miss Edna Johnson will act as toastmistress. Members may bring their husbands and any friends interested in the order. Dancing and cards will follow the dinner program. Make your reservations now with any officer of the chapter.

### LADIES' AID TO MEET

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Dallas M. E. Church will hold its regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, December 12, at the home of Mrs. Nelson Whipp. This is a busy month but Christmas itself should give an added interest to things religious rather than shortening the time for church duties. So a good crowd is expected.

### COOLBAUGH DOES A TAIL SPIN

Young Coolbaugh, the impregnable guard on the fast Dallas High team, put on a little exhibition on Monday. He came out of it in fine shape without a scratch. The only damage being one rear wheel on the car. Too much snow, says Coolie.

### NOTABLES ASK FOR BOUNTY

The Bureau of Predatory Animals during the past week received claims for bounty on weasels as follows: George Washington, J. Q. Adams, Woodrow Wilson and Herbert Hoover. These named for notables reside in various parts of the state.

## Former High School Students To Present Play

"The Arizona Cowboy," Presented Four Years Ago, To Be Given By Original Cast at Borough High School December 13th

"The Arizona Cowboy," a play which was presented to the people of Dallas and vicinity four years ago by certain young men and women of town will again be presented to the public on Friday evening, December 13th, at the Dallas high school.

Practically all the people in the play, as was given by that time, will be in the cast this coming week and many people recall how well they performed at their previous appearance. The scene of the play is Arizona. With typical western characters, not forgetting the "Heathen Chinee" and, of course, the usual "champion liar," the play is a series of laughs from start to finish.

The play was first advertised for two evenings, but will only be presented one night, December 13, at 8 p. m.

The proceeds received will be for the benefit of the Dallas football team, which just finished a very successful season.

## Mail Early Says Local Postmaster

The postmaster reminds us that parcels which we wish to reach our friends by Christmas Day should soon be on the way.

Following is a list of last dates on which parcels should be mailed in order to reach their destination in the various States before Christmas Day: December 14—California, Oregon, Arizona, Washington, Nevada.

December 15—New Mexico, Idaho, Colorado, Utah, Montana.

December 16—Wyoming, Texas, South Dakota, North Dakota.

December 17—Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Louisiana, Arkansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Florida, Mississippi.

December 18—Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, Illinois.

December 19—South Carolina, North Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts.

December 20—Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York State, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey.

### HUNTING ACCIDENTS INCREASE

It would appear as if the hunters had failed to heed the timely warnings of the Game Commission sent out from time to time during the course of the hunting season, since the number of hunting accidents both fatal and non-fatal which occurred during the recent small game season (exclusive of the last two days of the season for which no reports have been received as yet) have increased considerably over the same period last year. Weather conditions during the last two days of the season were admirable and unquestionably many hunters were afield these days, and it is possible that still more accidents are yet to be recorded.

### FORMER LOCAL GIRL ON WAY TO RECOVERY

Miss Mary Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jackson of Wilkes-Barre, is recuperating at her home on Franklin street from a recent operation in the General hospital. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Jackson was formerly from Trucksville.

### BUCKS IN COMBAT

A few days ago Game Protector Fred S. Fisher of McConnellsburg, Pa., accompanied by several other men, found two eight-point buck deer with antlers locked in deadly combat. They were still fighting although exhausted. The officers managed to part the creatures, but one was so badly torn over the body that it soon died.

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