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Secretary Hyde Reports on Conditions in Agriculture

Position Favorable Says Secretary of Agriculture in Report to President Hoover—Farm Conditions are Improving—Remedy for Over-Production Given

The secretary of agriculture's total income for the crop year 1929-30 should not exceed, that of previous years, notwithstanding widespread drought reduced crop yields materially, says Secretary Arthur M. Hyde in his report to the President, made December 7. Following are a few extracts from the report: "The drought during the season of 1929 dried up pastured crop yields below that of recent years. The losses, however, were so evened out for the country as a whole that no large area had either very short crops, or from the standpoint of the country, reduced yields seemed to be more than offset by price increases. It is probable that the total crop year will equal, or exceed, that of the 1928-29 year."

Dairy Position Favorable
The general position of the dairy industry has been favorable this year, 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, because dairy production increased generally during the spring and summer months. In the fall, however, pastures curtailed production during the year fairly well as compared with previous years. In the eight months, despite a generally increased production, our consumption of dairy products consistently exceeded our production by about 1 per cent. There is reason to believe that this adjustment will continue. The dairy industry is very stable. It shows no immediate prospect of marked expansion.

Farm Conditions Improving
Cultural conditions in the States continue gradually to improve. Farm incomes in 1928-29 were higher than those of any year since 1920-21 except 1925-26, and of depreciation in farm land declined also. Aggregate gross receipts from agricultural production in the United States for the crop year 1928-29 is estimated to be \$12,500,000,000. This was about \$225,000,000 more than the aggregate gross receipts of the preceding year. Cash receipts from the sale of farm products are estimated to have totaled \$7,900,000,000, or an increase of \$79,000,000 over the corresponding figure of 1928.

Net income of the farm and not increase proportionately to farm operating costs, taxes, interest on debts advanced somewhat. The income available for living on the farm, including the value of farm products, used by farm families, was only about \$16,000,000,000 in the previous season. Net earnings on the current crop of agricultural property was the same, namely, 4.7 per cent, with 2.1 per cent in 1922-23. Last two seasons the current crop of agricultural property has increased values in the season of 1928-29, but the value of agricultural property, including livestock, increased sufficiently to offset the current crop of agricultural property to \$58,615,000,000, an increase for the year of \$1,000,000,000. In view of the fact that the crop year 1928-29 took place in agricultural years in the early years of the depression period, this record is very encouraging. The decline in the value of agricultural property is largely due to a drop in the value of livestock on the farm. The value of livestock on the farm is a lower value than in the other hand, the value of agricultural property in the upward trend of activity in farm products.

Farm Land Values
The department of agriculture reported that the value of farm land in the United States declined by the smallest loss in the history of the department since the nominal comparison of 1923-24 (see page 3 please)

FARM BUREAU DRIVE BRINGS NEW MEMBERS

Enrollment at Present Double That of Year Ago—Local Residents Win Prizes—Annual Meeting Saturday

With a total of 699 members, the Oneida County Farm Bureau more than doubled its enrollment of the first period as compared to last year, it was announced at the close of the three weeks' drive, part of a state and nationwide farm bureau membership campaign. G. W. Bush, local bureau manager, said he hopes to see the branch win the state contest with 1,100 farmers enrolled in 1930.

Roy L. Bielby, Rome, captain of the western group, including Annsville, Camden, Florence, Rome, Vernon and Vienna, won first place in the contest with 222 members enrolled, or 55.6 per cent of the 1929 enrollment in these towns. H. B. Livermore, Sangerfield, president of the Oneida County Bureau, and head of the southern group, won second place 208 members, or 53 per cent of the 1929 enrollment. Towns in this group were Augusta, Bridgewater, Kirkland, Marshall, New Hartford, Paris, Sangerfield, Westmoreland and Western.

Individual prizes were won by residents of the local parish. Mr. Livermore, with 32 members, was awarded a \$5 store order; Walter Brooks, Deansboro, with 11 members, received a tie; Gilbert Pierce of Cassville, with 10 members, a \$2 order, and H. G. Morgan, Oriskany Falls, a tie.

The Farm and Home Bureau will hold its annual meeting in Hotel Utica next Saturday afternoon when prominent farm leaders will speak. Separate sessions of the farm and home bureaus will be held at the county building in the morning.

P-T TEAMS EQUAL IN MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

Village Team Has 100 Members and Open Country Team 50 in Present Contest—Ends With Next Meeting of Association

The membership contest of the Parent-Teacher Association is proceeding very satisfactorily and already more members are reported than belonged last year. Due to the fact that there are two pupils from the village to every one from the rural areas it was decided the "Village" team would have to secure two members to every one secured by the "Open Country" team. Up to the present time the teams are even for Mrs. M. J. Byrnes, captain of the village team reports 100 memberships and Mrs. Harold Mason, captain of the Open Country team, announces 50 memberships. The contest continues until January 13, when announcement will be made of the winners. Which team loses is to arrange for refreshments at the February meeting.

Last year the association had 115 members, hence there has already been a nice gain. The teams in the membership contest follow: "Open Country," Mrs. Harold Mason, chairman; Mrs. W. H. Heltzerline, Mrs. Ralph Terry, Mrs. Peter Waldburger, Mrs. Harold Lohnas and Mrs. Fred King. "Village" team, Mrs. M. J. Byrnes, Mrs. R. C. Cash, Mrs. Christian Stukuy, Mrs. Michael Dempsey, Jr., Miss Catherine Simmons and Mrs. T. W. Gilliland.

Chester Cahow Gets Jail Sentence

Robert Ryan attempted to start the car which he had stored in a barn in the rear of the Orrin Terry property a few days ago. However, an amount of urging would start the engine. Investigation showed the storage battery had been removed. Bert Beahm was notified and after a quiet inquest it was discovered that Chester Cahow had appropriated the battery for his own use. Young Cahow, who is 19 years old, has been in several other escapades and was on probation at the time the battery was removed. A three months' jail sentence now faces the young man.

Santa is on his way



ALBERT CHRISTENSEN TO KEEP ROADS OPEN

Contracts to Keep 23 Miles of Road Free From Snow During Present Winter—Has New Hartford-Waterville Route

Albert Christensen has contracted to keep 23 miles of Oneida county highway free from snow during the present winter months, arrangements having been completed with County Engineer O'Brien.

The local resident has Federal Route 12 from New Hartford, through Paris to Waterville, and on to the Madison county line at the south. He will also keep the Waterville-Deansboro road open. Last year Mr. Christensen had a contract for 17 miles of highway and this was one of the largest contracts in the county. This year the same roads are covered in the contract and the six mile strip from Paris to New Hartford.

Slippery Roads Bother Buses—Many Minor Accidents

"I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance." Somewhere we've read a charming poem with a touching phrase something like the above. At the time it was written we don't believe there were any Hudsons or Pontiacs or "what have you?" However, over Saturday and Sunday every car seemed to be singing these same words to varying tunes and squeaking of brakes.

A slight shower Saturday, freezing on the highway, made one of the worst conditions encountered in some time. Some folks thought the Paris Hill road slippery and essayed to travel the "valley route." Between New Hartford and Clinton literally dozens of cars were sliding into the ditches, bumping the fences and otherwise acting as if the alcohol in the radiators had a deleterious effect.

There was no need advising the motorist to go slow. If he went at all it was slow (sometimes even backward). Conditions were especially bad between Utica and Syracuse where traffic was about completely suspended. A man will work harder for money that the government does not take from him.

Professor Barnes, of Smith College, says there are more causes for war now than there were in 1914, and greater danger of war, and the League of Nations is too timid to do much. Borah, not Kellogg, wrote the Paris Peace Pact. A Chicago lawyer, Salmon O. Levinson, invented it. And Barnes agrees with Professor Borahard, of Yale, that the Kellogg Pact, in cold reality, "contains the first

This Week

by Arthur Brisbane

Employment Problem. Congress Comes Back. Russia Is Annoyed. Gas From Coal.

TURNPIKE ASSOCIATION OPPOSES BILLBOARDS

Plan Educational Campaign to Show Advantages of Keeping Landscape Free from Objectionable Signs—Members Listed

Tentative plans for a series of meetings through Central New York to explain the value of keeping the landscape free from advertising, have been completed by officers of the Cherry Valley Turnpike Association.

The "Turnpikers" plan on bringing a speaker of national reputation to the Cherry Valley Turnpike section early in the spring to talk on this important subject. Two years ago the association made its first move to eliminate objectionable signs when a huge bonfire was held in connection with the first annual meeting. The present campaign is along educational lines and every resident of Central New York will have a chance to hear how the billboard elimination campaign is progressing.

Memberships Listed
The fiscal year is drawing to a close and Secretary Orrin Terry has released a list of the Turnpike members in this section.

Other names will undoubtedly be added before the present year closes, December 31. The local membership in the Cherry Valley Turnpike Association follows: Bridgewater—L. W. Bishop, H. H. Fitch, G. L. Tripp, Daniel J. Williams, Clemmens Garage, H. B. Zull. Sangerfield—Mrs. Clementine Bigelow, Cherry Valley Oil Company, Walter J. Coupe, Mrs. Wm. Cary Sanger, William Cary Sanger.

Waterville—W. J. Bissell's Son, F. C. Bufford, Earl J. Conger, Rev. J. Winslow Clarke, Leo G. Godfrey, Huntinton & Tyler Co., W. J. Honeywell, W. S. Hawkins, Capt. W. G. Mayer, Rosalie O. Mayer, A. Osborne Mayer, W. G. McLean Co., R. M. Norton, National Bank of Waterville, F. W. Putnam, Elsie M. Peck, J. H. Roberts, Dr. J. G. Randall, W. B. Suters, The Times Print Shop.

Madison—S. J. Reynolds & Son. Bonckville—Mrs. William Parker, Mrs. Frank Parker.

International indorsement and moral recognition of certain forms of war. The learned Barnes says the next fifty years will decide whether democracy or dictatorship shall survive. That has already been decided a thousand times. When finally decided, democracy will win. Dictators die, democracy lives on, always ready to be up. Russia, naturally annoyed at United States interference in China, The Russians say Uncle Sam is trying to snatch away their victory and encourage (Turn to page 2 please)

Boys Are Entertained By Local Exchange Club

Enjoy Dinner and Hear Address by Dr. Erl Bates on Indiana Who Used to Own Waterville and Surrounding Territory—Club Celebrates Third Anniversary

PLACING WINDOWS IN CENTRAL SCHOOL

Building Being "Glassed in" Rapidly As Truck Loads of Windows Arrive From Johnson City—Work in Auditorium

The sash are now being put into place at the new Central School on Stafford avenue. The work is going forward rapidly for the glass is being placed in the sash at Johnson City and the windows are already to be put into place when they are brought by truck to the village.

During the past week a sloping concrete floor has been laid in the Eastman Auditorium. The steel stairs are also being put into place this week and everything is ready for plastering the walls. Dozens of small jobs are being carried on inside the building, each bringing the new school just a step nearer completion.

RECOMMEND CHANGES IN MILK PRODUCTION

Milk Supply Stabilization Committee Issues Statement and Nine Recommendations to Milk Producers

New York, Dec. 10—Dairy farmers of the New York Milk Shed are still confronted by a problem of adjusting their markets, according to Dr. C. E. Ladd of the State College of Agriculture at Cornell University, chairman of the Milk Supply Stabilization Committee.

Following a study of the existing situation at a meeting of the committee in New York, Dr. Ladd issued the following explanatory statement and nine recommendations by which producers can cope with the situation:

"There are now in the Milk Shed more than enough dairy heifers for normal replacement purposes. There is also an impending overproduction of dairy products in the whole United States. Cold storage holdings of butter in October and November were the largest for these two months of the past 14 years. Storage for any year cheese were the largest for any year during the past ten. Unsold stocks of condensed and evaporated milk for the past two months have been 40 per cent greater than a year ago.

"These large holdings have already resulted in a marked decline in the price of all manufactured dairy products, and it is likely to be reflected in the farm price of fluid milk. Due to the low price of butter, cheese and condensed milk western manufacturers are attempting to market their milk in eastern cities in the form of cream, and are accepting low prices on a market already adequately supplied. Manufacturers of condensed milk, ice cream and similar products are not in the market for raw products due to the excess stocks they already have. Thus all surplus milk is forced into the butter and cheese markets.

"This situation occurs at the time when we are faced with the usual prompt measures are adopted by New York Milk Shed dairymen, this will result in a winter surplus considerably beyond the consumptive capacity of the metropolitan market. This in turn would result in demoralization of the market, and discouragement of producers to the extent that the entire program of a stabilized milk supply for the protection of the consuming public and producers alike may be jeopardized.

"The committee recommends that dairymen follow as many as possible of the following practices:

- "1. Sell off and low producing cows to the butcher.
- "2. Reduce the feed bill by buying 20 per cent and 12 per cent protein feeds in place of 24 per cent, and balance the ration according to the quality of the roughage.
- "3. Dry off cows that have been milking over a long period.
- "4. Breed cows in December and January for next fall's production. Try to avoid breeding cows in March, April, May and June. These add to the troublesome winter surplus.
- "5. Veal more calves during winter surplus period of December, January, February and March.

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"Boys' Night" was successfully observed by the local Exchange Club Thursday evening, each member of the group having as his guest a young man of the community.

The main feature on the program was an inspiring address by Dr. Erl Bates, director of Indian Extension Work at Cornell University.

The members and their guests gathered at the M. E. Grill Room at 6:30 p. m. for a chicken dinner served by the D. Y. B. Class.

During the dinner hour music was furnished by "Doc" MacConnell's six-piece orchestra. Between courses everyone joined in singing old-time selections.

George Jackson, supervisor-elect for the town of Sangerfield, was introduced as a new member of the club.

The guests were asked to rise and after being numbered it was found that one of the group had won a huge huckleberry pie. "Joe" Bissell was the lucky recipient and as the pie disappeared the only conclusion that could be drawn was that it followed the chicken dinner.

Secretary Townsend announced that the meeting was the third anniversary of the Exchange Club's organization and in behalf of the club presented a large birthday cake to Ray M. Norton, the first president. The cake carried the insignia of the organization.

The guests were introduced by the various members and a report was made by Mayor Fred R. Jones that a new switchboard had been ordered by the local telephone company and would be installed next summer. The new board will be of an improved type so that it will be unnecessary to ring Central when making a call.

The news was received with applause for the members of the local club have felt great inconvenience due to the present service.

Doctor Bates was next introduced and he told the members and their guests of the time when the Oneida Indians called Waterville home. The speaker described the four types of Indians and the lands over which they roamed. The corn or maize growers inhabited the east; the buffalo hunters the middle west, and the salmon fishermen Oregon and Washington. Then the root gatherers lived in the southwest.

Dr. Bates explained that the Pueblo Indians were an intrusion from South America.

"Civilization is an adjustment to environment," he continued. "We find the corn growers lived in bark houses known as log houses. They could live around the corn fields, hence could reside in permanent dwellings."

The buffalo hunters had to keep continually on the move, hence the teepee which could be easily moved.

The speaker described the Narragansett Indians and told how they assisted the Pilgrims. Corn, beans, squash and wild turkey were given to the Pilgrims and Thanksgiving was celebrated. Dr. Bates explained that Thanksgiving was an old Indian custom and was celebrated at Waterville long before the white man ever came to these shores.

The speaker described Nichol's Pond, near Fenner, in Madison county, and explained that this was a battle site where Champlain met defeat. The spot is near Chittenango Falls State Park and a movement is on foot to give it proper recognition.

The Oneidas were a mighty people, according to Dr. Bates, and even today they have privileges which no white man can attain. For instance bass could be caught in the local streams, or a deer shot on the village streets by an Indian. This is because in the treaties the right was reserved to hunt and fish as long as the sun shines, grass grows green and water flows down hill.

In discussing the possible origin of our race, the speaker said that man probably lived first in the Himalayas and then moved to the land of tea, or China. Then the legend states that he crossed a bridge of land to the land of the White Bear, or Alaska.

Some Indians came to the Red Wood country, or the Rockies, and some continued on to the middle west and became buffalo hunters.

A small group continued on to the "promised land," which is the section in which we live.

How the dog is an Indian's friend was described and several interesting stories told.

"The Indian took what he had and made it better," according to the speaker. He made arrows, bows, canoes, etc. (Turn to page 2 please)