

COTTON PICKING MACHINE WORKING

One Of Inventions Said To Be Working, Proving The Proposition Is No Dream.

Raleigh—Picking cotton by machinery is no idle dream. William A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture for North Carolina, believes.

Mr. Graham, who also is vice-president of the National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture, had called on the United States Department of Agriculture to make a survey of the machines already invented with a view of determining what practical merit they possessed.

He announced receipt today of a letter to the effect that one of the machines had been examined by government engineers who found that it worked satisfactorily.

No mention was made of the location of the machine, nor of its inventor, as the investigation is in a purely preliminary state at this time. He made public these extracts, however, from a letter signed by C. F. Marvin, of the United States Department of Agriculture.

"The machine worked quite satisfactorily under conditions that were not ideal. The cotton picked by the machine was as free of trash as that picked by hand. The machine was said to be picking from 85 to 95 per cent of the cotton the first time over and from 96 to 98 per cent of the cotton by going over the row twice with the machine in opposite directions.

"The picker is not at present in commercial production. It, however appears to have been developed to a point where it will pick cotton satisfactorily.

"At the time the operation of the machine was observed, the leaves on the cotton had been killed by frost and the stalks were quite brittle. Despite this fact, the picker did not injure the stalks very much and where a few leaves had not been killed by frost, these were not torn by the machine, which has a speed when picking of about two and a half or three miles an hour."

Mr. Marvin, in his letter to Commissioner Graham, continued: "As this cotton picker has not been placed in commercial production, no information as to its probable selling price is available. The inventors, however, state that it will be placed on the market next year."

"The machine as now manufactured would be well adapted for use on plantations where there is an acreage of from 150 acres cotton upward, or it could be operated on a basis of so much per pound for picking cotton on a number of small farms.

For some months, Mr. Graham has been interested in the idea of developing a cotton picking machine that would save the farmers money.

He has pointed out that neither he nor his department is in a position to finance such an undertaking, so he has asked the federal department to make a survey, which it has already begun, as shown by the letter above quoted.

Gaston Man Gets Long Road Term

Gastonia.—Will Costner, who lives between Bessemer City and Cherryville, in Gaston county, was given the longest sentence for violation of the prohibition law that has ever been given in Gaston county, if not in North Carolina.

He was convicted of manufacturing whisky and of having ten gallons in his possession for the purpose of sale, and of possession of property for the purpose of making whisky.

On the count in the bill of indictment for manufacturing whisky he was sentenced by Judge T. B. Finley, to two years; on the count for having ten gallons he was given a sentence of two years, making a total of four years, the second sentence to begin at the expiration of the first. On the third count he was given a suspended sentence of two years and in addition to the four years active sentence, he was given a six months sentence to serve which had been formerly suspended over him, making a total of four and one half years he must serve on the county roads of Gaston county.

Bird Attacks Man

Three Rivers, Quebec.—Fulida Beauce, wood ranger, was attacked and wounded by a strange bird of prey while measuring lumber in woods. The bird encircled its long legs around him gnashed at his neck and pecked his head with its beak. When rescued by fellow workers, Beauce was in a state of exhaustion from loss of blood. The species of bird is unknown.

CAROLINA LEADS IN ROAD BUILDING

Louisville, Ky.—Sixteen Southern states spent more than \$248,000,000 for road and bridge work during 1926, the Associated Industries of Kentucky says in its weekly report.

North Carolina led with an expenditure of \$23,000,000, while Virginia spent \$15,000,000 and Tennessee \$13,000,000. Kentucky's road bills were \$11,000,000. Kentucky will spend about \$12,000,000 on road work this year. W. C. Montgomery, State highway commissioner, stated.



DOVER COMMUNITY NEWS OF INTEREST

C. D. Hicks and Daughter Celebrate Birthdays. Mr. Bowman Teaches Bible Class.

(Special to The Star.)

Mr. C. D. Hicks and his youngest daughter, Pearl, celebrated their birthdays Sunday. Mr. Hicks has passed his 50th year while Pearl has reached her ninth. Quite a number of friends and relatives were present for the sumptuous dinner and each one did justice to his share.

Mr. J. T. Bowman of Shelby, was with us in Sunday school Sunday and taught the Bible class. We appreciate his presence and the message he brought us. Our church was full and everyone that heard his voice felt fully repaid for his efforts in coming. We hope that Mr. Bowman will come back some time soon for he is always welcome.

Mr. Hamrick and family of Henrietta visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mr. A. V. Washburn was with us in B. Y. P. U. Sunday evening and gave us a short talk on the value of young peoples organizations and their place in the church. We are always glad to have Mr. Washburn with us and we love to listen to his stories.

Among the sick in our community who are improving are Mrs. W. L. Queen, Mrs. P. J. Johnson and Mrs. Robert Jenkins and Miss Viola Nolan.

Our sick list this week includes Mr. Hudson and Mr. Allen, we hope they will be better soon.

Miss Nell King of Shelby, visited Misses Vernia and Lucille Southard Sunday.

Miss Mildred Hawkins of Shelby, visited Miss Venice Taylor last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bailey and daughter, Mary Sue, visited Mr. and Mrs. Roland Callihan of Trinity community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Goforth and Misses Beattie and Sarah Ramsey of Kings Mountain visited Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jenkins Sunday.

Mr. Elam Lovelace and Miss Mary Bridges of Boiling Springs attended church services here Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffstetler and daughter of Kings Mountain, visited Mr. and Mrs. Flay Smith Sunday.

Misses Viola Nolan and Ruth Padgett and Messrs Glenn Blanton and Raymond Johnson visited Miss Emma Gold of the Double Shoals community Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Buice motored to Spartanburg this week end to visit Mr. Buice's sister Mrs. Keller is ill.

Miss Ruth Hicks visited Dr. Gold Tuesday for an X-ray examination of her throat.

A Dollar Down and A Dollar Week

Monroe Enquirer.

(The following was found by T. T. Dillon in a trade journal, and is so good that it is passed on down the line):

A friend of mine bought a graphophone for a dollar down and a dollar a week.

Said he, "It's the easiest graft I've known."

This dollar down and a dollar a week."

So he bought a rug and a fountain pen.

A leather chair and a desk and then a set of the lives of our famous men.

For a dollar down and a dollar a week.

He bought a suit, a hat and shoes.

For a dollar down and a dollar a week.

He joined a lodge and paid his dues.

With a dollar down and a dollar a week;

He bought a ring that was fair to see.

For the fly white hand of his bride to be.

Got married and paid the minister's fee.

With a dollar down and a dollar a week.

When the babies came, the doctor got.

A dollar down and a dollar a week.

My friend, he fed and clothed each tot.

With a dollar down and a dollar a week.

At last said his wife, "I must be free.

These weekly payments are ruining me!"

She got a divorce and the alimony.

Was a dollar down and a dollar a week.

All Winners



These trophies, so to speak, have slanted the ladder of fame—out proud and they look, too. They're five winners in the poultry class at the Los Angeles county, pigeon and rabbit show. From top to bottom the breeds shown are bantam, buff cochin, white wyandot, light brahmin, topped Plymouth rock and Rhode

What Should You Read If Wisely?

Of course, you read. You may or may not read much or wisely, but you read and you enjoy it. You desire a wider horizon. Now and then you find time to dip into a standard work which improves with the flight of time and does not die with the passing hour.

Here is a suggestion for you in your reading of the masters of literature. You may have seen it before, but you will be glad to see it again:

For clearness, read Macaulay. For logic, read Burke and Bacon. For action, read Homer and Scott.

For conciseness, read Bacon and Pope.

For sublimity of conception, read Milton.

For vivacity, read Stevenson and Kipling.

For elegance, read Virgil, Milton and Arnold.

For simplicity, read Burns, Whittier and Bunyan.

For smoothness, read Addison and Hawthorne.

For interest in common things, read Jane Austen.

For wisdom, read Emerson, Epictetus and Marcus Aurelius.

For lofty, ennobling sentiment, for sympathizing, candor and honesty, for comfort and consolidation in affection, and for the promise of the life that now is and of the life which is to come, read the Bible.

"Ma" Pardoned More Than Were In Prisons 2 Years Ago

Austin, Tex.—More clemency acts were granted by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson during her two-year term, which expired last Tuesday, than the total of the Texas prison population at the time she assumed office.

However, the state prisons were well filled when Mrs. Ferguson stepped out of office, despite her generosity in extending clemency to convicts.

The woman governor granted clemency in 3,595 cases, while the number of prisoners in state institutions two years ago was about 3,300.

Prison officials reported to Governor Dan Moody that there were 3,053 persons still in prison, or about 250 less than the total when Mrs. Ferguson became governor.

CO-EDS IN KANSAS BAN BOBBED HAIR

Lawrence, Kans. Jan. 25.—The paradoxical popularity of bobbed hair has received a significant blow. This latest thrust comes from coeds of the University of Kansas.

These daughters of the Sunflower state who assailed short hair as "crazy" "giddy" and even "wicked" only a few years ago, are now rejecting bobs—shingle, boyish and all others—as "passe," and are following the latest Paris edicts in their coiffures.

Despite the fact that Miss Agnes Husband, dean of women at the university, has just had hers bobbed—thereby becoming the first bobbed-haired dean in the institution's history—a questionnaire sent to the sorority houses reveals that more than half of the co-eds are in favor of letting their hair grow back to its original length. Many already have done so.

Ends Scopes Case.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Supreme Court of Tennessee proclaimed the fundamental soundness of the state's famous law against teaching the theory of evolution in state supported schools, and, at the same time, it reversed the verdict of guilty against Jno. T. Scopes, whose case was on appeal recommending that the case be not prosecuted instead of retried.

Wrap Your Parcels

To "carry your package home" in Japan is the matter-of-course thing to do.

If it is a "lady of high degree" she will produce from the capacious depths of her kimono sleeves a lovely time-softened old sash length that may have come direct from the Seven Thousand Gods of Japan or from the honorable Ancestors. It is considered to carry a bare package through the streets.

Community meetings will be held regularly in 13 communities of Wayne county during the next five months.

World's First Bank Lived for Centuries

The Bank of Venice, the first of its kind established in Europe, was founded in 1171. It owed its existence to the long wars between the Guelphs and the Ghibellines, and the government's need of money for conducting them. Having exhausted every other resource, the state was obliged to resort to forced loans from its wealthy citizens. Then was organized the Chamber of Loans, which by degrees assumed the form of a bank. It is not proud of the fact that it was for many ages the admiration of Europe, the chief instrument of Venetian finance, and the chief facility of a commerce not surpassed by that of any European nation.

Funds once deposited in the bank could not be withdrawn, but were transferable at the pleasure of the owners upon its books. So thoroughly did the bank credits become the means through and by which the financial operations of the people were conducted, that with scarcely an exception in its entire existence these credits were at a premium over coin; the latter being often clipped and worn, as well as being of various countries and uncertain values. The Bank of Venice continued without any interruption until the Venetian republic was overthrown by the Revolutionary army of France in 1797.

Gold Varies in Color; Is Not Really Yellow

Strictly speaking, gold is not yellow in color. It is merely appearing so, but, being a metal and generally with a bright surface, it acts as a reflector and throws back quite a lot of the white light that falls on it, according to the Philadelphia Record.

This reflected white light, which is not part of the color of gold, dilutes the metal's real color, making it appear yellow. The real color of the gold, metallurgists say, is a deep orange, entirely different from the familiar yellow.

But this precious metal has other colors, as well as yellow and orange. Ground into a fine powder, pure gold becomes a ruby red. Everybody has seen this ruby color at one time or another, though they may not have been aware that it was the color of gold they were looking at.

When seen in the ruby glass used for photographic dark-room lamps, the minute particles of gold added to the glass imparting their deep color.

Think This Over

When you feel unkindly toward the man you work for—when your heart is full of resentment and your head full of revenge, stop and take a personal inventory.

There are always two sides to a situation. You are not all wrong; and if this be true, is it not reasonable to assume that the man you work for is not all wrong?

No person on earth can do good work with a single hand full of malice and two hands that are closed in fists.

After you have considered carefully that your hostility is justified—after you conscientiously weigh yourself and you are satisfied that you are all right in every particular—after you feel that the man you work for is wrong in every particular, the only thing left to do is to resign.—New Zealand Traveler.

Jews Protested Stamp Act

Although no list of signers has been found of the New York agreement of merchants to make all past and future orders for British merchandise contingent on the repeal of the stamp act, it is believed that the Jewish merchants of New York joined with their fellow business men. The original agreement entered into by Philadelphia merchants, however, shows that the leading Jews of that city were among the signers. They were Matthias Bush, David Franka, Bernard Gratz, Michael Gratz, Joseph Jacobs, Benjamin Levy, Hyman Levy, Jr., Sumner Levy and Moses Mordecai.

Singing Insects

The ancient Greeks kept cicadae in cages for the sake of their songs. They were favorites with most Greek poets. A cicada sitting on a harp was a usual emblem of music. In explanation of which there was a story of two rival musicians, Eunomus and Ariston, the former of whom broke the strings of his harp one day when competing with the latter. A cicada, however, flew to his rescue and sitting upon the harp supplied the place of the broken string and so won him the victory. Fabre thinks the Greek cicadae would be crickets.

Checking Curved Spines

Curvature of the spine can best be prevented, according to a Viennese doctor's recent report, by starting with the child when it is very young. To carry sitting up, and standing are dangerous, he says. Carrying the child around constantly on the same arm of the parent is another cause of curvature of the spine. Flat mattresses in the school age are important. He adds, and sitting all the time or carrying heavy loads is harmful to the growing child.

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Eastside News Of Personal Items

(Special to The Star.)

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gladden visited Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McGraw at Spindale last Sunday. Mrs. McGraw is improving after an operation at Rutherford hospital.

Mr. W. P. Sanders spent the week end in Greenville, S. C., with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Southards and family of the Dover mill visited Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Lattimore last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrill had as their guests Sunday Mr. J. P. Horne and family of Spencer Mountain, Misses Thelma Horne, Cleo Waldrop, Nellie Horne and Paul Pruitt of Bessemer City and Mr. J. M. Horne of Lowell.

Mr. Ralph Morrow has returned from Lowell to Eastside. He will make his home with Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gladden.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall Goforth and Mr. Goforth's mother of Kings Mountain were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vetus Weaver last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Bumgardner and children spent last Saturday night in South Shelby with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reinhardt.

Mr. Walter Feree, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Hamrick of South Shelby and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Webb, of Dover mill, were visitors at Mrs. Feree's last Sunday.

Mr. G. C. Eskridge of Double Shoals was a visitor here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Buchanan and family and Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Phillips of Gaffney, S. C., were week end visitors in Eastside.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Wright and children were Double Shoals visitors last Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Sanders of Kings Mountain visited Mrs. W. K. Cline last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grigg and children spent the week-end with Mrs. Grigg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. York at Beams Mill.

Mrs. B. E. Preece and Mrs. Avery Grayson of Dover, visited Mr. and Mrs. Leland Buchanan Sunday.

Mrs. Alexander and Miss Ola Alexander of Dover spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mrs. Weldon Gantt and baby of West Shelby visited Mr. and Mrs. E. Sweezy Sunday.

Mr. Hill, one of the boarders at Mr. W. R. Hinson's was taken seriously ill Saturday night with heart trouble. He was taken to the Shelby hospital.

Mr. Roy Webb has bought the cafe formerly owned by Mr. Julius Greene.

Miss Eva May Hopper was hostess at a party to a large number of her friends on last Saturday evening. The young folks enjoyed several hours amusement and fun.

Little Miss Edna Wright was hostess to several of her small friends last Friday afternoon. After playing many games the little folks were served with delicious refreshments. Those present were Jessine Lattimore, Venelia Sawyer, Iris Buchanan, H. E. Waldrop and Billy Buchanan.

Rev. W. E. Lowe preached to a large and appreciative congregation here on Sunday night. His subject was "What it Means to be Christian."

GUS HEAVNER'S CORN SHUCKING EARLY THIS YEAR

Lincoln Co. News.

The first 1927 corn shucking reported to the News was that of last Thursday night, at the farm of Gus Heavner, west of Lincoln Co. Among those present according to Henry Huss, was Shotwell Peeler, Henry Huss, and Bill, Tom and Jack and others. Bob

KINGS MOUNTAIN BATCH OF NEWS

B. Y. P. U. S. Doing Best Work in Their History. Editor Page Returns From Memphis.

Kings Mountain, Jan. 25.—The B. Y. P. U. at the First Baptist church are the best in their history. They now have 147 enrolled, and all of this number was present last Sunday evening except 38.

Many of our most faithful ones were sick and could not be there. Four of our unions were nearly 100 percent in everything. Three other unions are going to be organized next Sunday evening. These are to be No. 2 junior, No. 2 intermediate, and another senior. We now have five active unions. The new ones will make us eight in all.

Editor Page's report of the Sunday school conference, he attended at Memphis, Tenn., last Sunday was very fine. He is so full of Memphis that he cannot talk very much else. Well, if you go to a religious meeting and do not get full of the spirit of it, you have not done very much. He is the one Sunday school superintendent who gives the most of his thought to the work. We do not believe that there is another man in the state who gives as much of his thought and time to his church as does Editor Page.

Rev. W. T. Doster has moved from the Lindsay house on Kings street to the Simms house on Gold street. We are sorry to lose a good citizen from our part of the city.

Mr. D. F. Hord made a trip to High Point last week to attend the furniture show. He returned in good time to attend to his home duties the last of the week.

Mr. J. B. Keeter has been very sick for the past three days. He has been confined to his bed. We trust that he may be able to get back to his place of business this week.

Mr. J. C. Bumgardner and his daughter Miss Lettie have been sick for the past week. They are better now, and we trust that they may continue to improve until they are able to be out again.

Favors Army.

Washington, D. C.—By a vote of 66 to 22 the house went on record as favoring the present authorized enlisted strength of the army of 118,750 men as against the recommendation of the budget director that the army be cut.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

North Carolina—Cleveland county. In Superior court. Allen Barrett, Plaintiff.

Pearl Barrett, Defendant. Pearl Barrett, the defendant above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been filed in the Superior court of Cleveland county, North Carolina, where by the plaintiff, Allen Barrett, is asking for a divorce absolute from the said defendant on the ground of adultery. And the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of Superior court of the aforesaid county on or before the 18th day of February, 1927, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the said complaint.

This the 24th day of January, 1927.

A. M. HAMRICK, C. S. C. Pevton McSwain, Atty. for Plaintiff.

Gilbert says this was the biggest corn shucking Lincoln county has had for the New Year, and that he hears everything went o. k. and the crib is groaning under its load of 1927 shucked corn.

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