

THE MARKET. Cotton, strict mid 16 1/2c Cotton Seed, per bu. 36c

Fair Weather. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature.

Population Gain. The population of the United States increased more than 14 million people in the 10-year period ending July 1, 1928, and is now 119,306,000, according to a report made by the national bureau of economic research.

Football Star Cuts His Neck In Local Jail

Max Connor, Once Gridiron Hero, Held For Forgery, Infracts Slight Wound.

Max Connor, a few years back considered one of the best football backs in the state while playing at Shelby high, inflicted a slight wound on his neck with a razor blade in the county jail Saturday afternoon where he is being held until superior court to face a charge of forgery.

Officers are not positive whether the act was a definite attempt at suicide or a measure employed to win sympathy and get his bond signed so that he might be released. The latter conclusion is reached by some because the former grid star did not use the safety razor on the front of his throat, but, instead, slashed the rear on his neck and did not inflict a very severe cut.

Prisoners Call Aid. Other prisoners in the jail, it is said, witnessed the act, or saw the blood soon thereafter and notified Mrs. Allen, wife of the sheriff, who in turn sent for her husband, who removed all razor blades and dangerous articles of any type from where they could be secured by Connor.

Asked why he cut himself young Connor replied by saying "I just want to get out of here."

The halfback, whose name a few years ago was one of the best known in scholastic circles in North Carolina, was arrested Friday on a warrant charging him with forging the name of Herbert Blanton to a \$10 check which was cashed by A. B. C. DeFries. Friday afternoon Police Chief Poston brought him up town in an effort to find some one to sign his bond but failed to do so. In county court Saturday morning Judge Kennedy bound him over on the charge to superior court under a bond of \$500, and again an effort to secure bond failed.

While in school he was a hero among the pupils and popular throughout the town and section, but since leaving school he gained the reputation of being somewhat erratic in financial affairs, this, officers say, making it hard for him to secure bond when arrested Friday.

Negro Caught With Forged Check Here

Had Several Other Checks In Pocket When Nabbed By Tellers At First National.

Otis Harbison, a negro trying to pass as James Hood, was placed in jail here Saturday afternoon charged with forgery after a couple of tellers at the First National bank had caught him and turned him over to officers.

Friday, it is alleged, that Harbison visited the bank, posing as James Hood, who had money in the bank, and had a \$4 check cashed. Saturday he came back with a \$3 check and was immediately pounced upon by the bank tellers.

When searched after being arrested other checks were found upon his person, one for \$4.50, and said to be a forgery, signed by Mike Borders. Other checks were filled out but had not been signed.

To Subscribers Changing Address

At this season of the year many subscribers to The Star are changing their mail address. In order to get your paper changed, it is necessary not only to give your name, but both the post-office or route to which your paper has been going and the address to which you wish it changed. Without this information it is impossible to readily find your name among the thousands of names on our mailing list.

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Departing Year One Of Steady Progress Here

No. 6 Road Heads To Abandon Chain Gang Work On July First

Road Commissioners Feel That Gang Too Expensive For Single Township To Carry.

After July 1, of the new year, Cleveland county may not have a chain gang to which prisoners and convicts may be sent, and the problem of what to do with county criminals promises to be one of the hardest propositions for county officials to face in 1930.

On July 1, it was definitely learned today from the No. 6 township road commissioners, the operation of the chain gang, which has been used to work prisoners of the entire county, will be abandoned by the township.

Planned Earlier. It became known some weeks ago that the No. 3 commissioners—Mike L. Borders, Marvin Blanton and Tom Cornwell—had decided that the chain gang operation was too expensive for a single township and that they would abandon operation.

At that time the road commissioners were intent upon abolishing the No. 6 gang on January 1, but after conferences with A. E. Cline, county business manager, the road commissioners realized that no arrangement for taking care of the prisoners which would be let out by the gang before the next county budget is made up at the end of the county fiscal year on July 1. Mr. Cline explained to them that such an emergency had not been anticipated in preparing this year's budget and that the county would not have the money to handle the prisoners.

Realizing what a situation the abolishing of the convict force would be for the county prior to the beginning of a new business year the No. 6 road commissioners agreed to maintain the gang until July 1, but announce definitely that they will give it up at that time. Too Much Expense. The gang as now operated to take care of prisoners sentenced in local courts is proving too much of a financial burden to No. 6 township, the road commissioners say.

Discussing the situation one of the commissioners said "That we believe—in fact, we know—that we can get more for the amount of road money we spend now by hiring our labor. The operation of the chain gang in upkeep of roads is not profitable financially. Diseased Convicts. "One major reason is that a big percentage of the convicts sent to the gang are diseased and cost more than they are worth. We always have quite a number of young fellows on the gang who are diseased, some of them suffering with venereal diseases, and paying their medical bills proves very expensive. With hired labor, not diseased, and not requiring complete upkeep we can get far more out of the money we spend for roads."

Leaves Big Problem. For months there has been talk of the fact that the chain gang was providing more of a liability than an asset to the township. Some months back a movement was started with the aim of making the chain gang a county-wide affair as prisoners from all townships go to the No. 6 gang. Whether or not (Continued on page two.)

King Sends Gift To Girl Who Drew Jury For His Case

Shelby Man In S. C. Prison Remembers Little Girl With Curly Hair When Christmas Comes.

Chester.—That Rafe King, who was convicted at the court of general sessions at Chester last July of slaying his wife, Faye Wilson King, last winter at their home at Sharon, S. C., is fond of children, is evidenced by the beautiful necklace of exquisite beads which he sent Margaret Hatchell, the lovely little girl that drew the jury for the famous trial.

Recently from 1515 Gist street, Columbia, S. C., where the penitentiary is located, came a letter wanting to know the name of this beautiful little girl, which was forwarded to him, to her joyful surprise came this wonderful necklace of beads, which is one of the most magnificent sets of beads ever seen here of this type. Accompanying the necklace was this little note: "Dear Little Margaret, "Here's to my little girl, with the pretty little curls, that came to me with a sweet little smile, last July during my trial. "Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. "RAFE KING."

County Couples Marry In Gaffney During Christmas

Rush Of Cleveland Lovers To South Carolina Gaitana Green Continues Through Holidays.

The Yuletide rush of Cleveland county lovers to the Gaffney, South Carolina, Gaitana Green, for dips in the sea of matrimony continues without abatement.

Eleven couples from this county, as given below, secured license from Judge Lake W. Stroup, at Gaffney, since the list published in Friday's paper: Carl Wilson and Daisy Vassey, of Lattimore; Mike Talent and Johnnie Moore, of Mooresboro; Marady Chambers and Sylvia Hullender, of Kings Mountain; Joe C. Hamrick and Josephine Camp, of Shelby; Arthur Hamrick, of Earl, and Lucy Weaver, of Shelby Route 2; Carl Hollingsworth and Mosele Ledford, of Shelby; Eugene Spangler and Edith Beam, of Shelby; Paul Weaver of Earl, and Canney Arrowood, of Shelby; Lee Lall and Eliza Ledford, of Mooresboro; Edward Williamson and Jessie Mae Corry, of Shelby.

Although there were several fatal automobile accidents throughout North Carolina over the week-end not a single serious accident took place in this section, according to information obtainable today.

A few smash-ups, including a collision near the Southern tracks Sunday night in which no one was injured, were reported, but at the Shelby hospital today not a single accident case was reported.

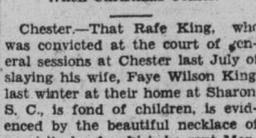
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Cotton Crop Virtually Completed Organization For Marketing Big

Cleveland Gains In Cotton Ginning Over Next County

This County 12,496 Bales Ahead Of Robeson In Second Place, Johnston Third.

Cleveland county, this year growing a record cotton crop, is 12,496 bales ahead of the second largest cotton county in the state, Robeson, and not quite 20,000 bales ahead of Johnston county, which is third. Cleveland and Robeson are the only two counties among the five large cotton counties in North Carolina showing an increase over the 1928 crop.

A complete ginning report of all counties to December 13 shows that Cleveland lacks only about 5,000 bales of having ginned as much to that date as the four adjoining counties. Catawba had to December 1 ginned 13,004 bales, Gaston 11,389, Lincoln 17,002, and Rutherford 17,934.

Mecklenburg county shows a good gain over last year with a total ginning of 20,121 bales to December 13, while Union county, in the Piedmont area moves into sixth place with 26,778 bales to be the only Piedmont or Western county that near the top with the exception of Cleveland.

The five leaders and their ginings to Dec. 13 in both years follow: County 1929 1928 Cleveland 52,670 48,503 Robeson 40,174 38,050 Johnston 36,236 39,388 Harnett 29,681 32,462 Halifax 27,058 37,836

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Heretofore, he said, co-operatives have been authorized to pay their members only a certain per cent of the value of their crop when delivered, the remainder being paid when the commodity moved into market channels. Now, it has been proposed that a national marketing agency be set up to buy the production outright if so desired.

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Year Without Disasters As Marked 1928. Business Changes, And Highlights.

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During the year the county reached a record cotton production and lead the state in total bales. There were numerous business changes, new structures, professional, and political changes, and on the eleventh day of the year O. Sax Gardner was Shelby's first citizen to be inaugurated governor of North Carolina.

Summary Of Year. A summary of the outstanding events in the county during 1929 follows: Jan. 3—Tom S. Elliott, beloved Confederate veteran dies.

Jan. 11—O. Max Gardner inaugurated governor of North Carolina with 200 home folks present to see the county's first governor take office.

Jan. 14—Mayor W. N. Dorsey announces that he will seek re-election.

Jan. 18—County court officials and officers round up intoxicating extract sellers.

Jan. 19—Major Frank Hull, Shelby's oldest citizen, dies in Lincoln hospital.

Jan. 25—E. B. Roach resigns as chief of the Shelby fire department and is succeeded by Ted Gordon, city electrician.

Jan. 25—Mrs. Fay King found dead in outhouse at home near Sharon, South Carolina. Believed to be a suicide.

Jan. 30—"Under cover" agent, employed by Mayor Dorsey, rounds up a dozen "pint peddlers" in dry drive here.

Feb. 5—Rafe King, husband of Mrs. Fay King, held by officials after inquest following finding of Mrs. King's body. King's lawyers scout foul play rumors.

Feb. 21—George Smyrniotis, popular naturalized Greek merchant of Shelby, dies and hundreds who loved the widely known George line streets and fill church for funeral service.

Feb. 22—Hoey oratorical medal won by J. L. Hord, of Waco, Police Chief Resigns.

Feb. 27—A. L. Richards, Shelby police chief resigns. Officer McBride Poston named acting chief.

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