

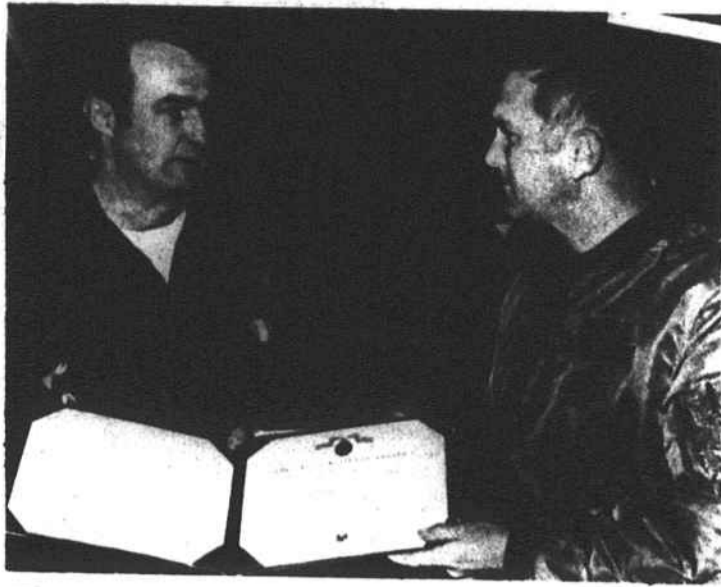
Farm Items

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North Carolina contracting has been at a standstill for the past three months as offered and asked prices remained too far apart for any trading. Producers are interested in the 60-70 and contractors in the 50-53 cents contracts. A February estimate of cents to produce cotton in North Carolina indicates out-of-pocket, cash or operating costs of about \$174 per acre or 35 cents per pound with a yield of one bale per acre. Total costs including machinery, equipment and rent were about \$240 per acre or 48 cents per pound with a bale per acre yield. The 1974 Cotton Pest Management or Scout School for this area is scheduled to be held at Centre Church near Maxton Wednesday. The program begins at 4 p.m. Extension entomology specialists, research specialists and the general cotton specialist will be in charge of instructions. Anyone is invited to attend.

Fire blight is appearing now in apple and pear trees. It appears suddenly as blighted shoots and fruit spurs soon after bloom on these trees and also on crabapple, pyracantha and hawthorn. It is a bacterial disease. Rain and wind help to spread the bacteria from the bloom to the twigs and leaves. Control is best accomplished by cutting off branches with cankers during the winter months. Streptomycin sprays at 50 parts per million is registered for use in sprays at bloom time and will control most of the bacteria. Don't fertilize too heavy in spring. Blight is often less serious in sod orchards than in clean cultivated orchards. Blighted shoots may be broken off eight inches below any sign of discoloration of the bark. Also avoid planting varieties of trees that are extremely susceptible to blight.

Some new materials are being used in the control of witchweed in Hoke County. In 1969, personnel at the Witchweed Laboratory found that Ethylene gas could serve as an artificial stimulant to cause witchweed seed to germinate. This soil treatment with Ethylene in cropland will be a very important part of the witchweed control program. The gas is a non-toxic hydro carbon which occurs abundantly in nature. It has lots of industrial uses, including ripening of bananas and tomatoes. It can be knifed into the soil in many young growing plants. The crops include corn, cotton, soybeans, tobacco and many others. The Animal and Plant Pest Department is treating some fields here.



HEROISM AWARDS -- The husband of an Antioch woman, Shirley Day, received the Soldier's Medal, the Army's highest award for non-combat heroism. Spec. 5 Wesley F. Day Jr., was cited for risking his life to save two Republic of Korea aviators from their crashed aircraft January 9. Despite the danger of fuel fires, Specialist Day freed the two from the wreckage and moved them to a hospital. The Vietnam veteran entered the Army in 1965 and is a helicopter crew chief with the Eighth U.S. Army's 128th Aviation Co., at Camp La Guardia, Korea. Day, left, is shown accepting the award from Lt. Col. Joseph R. Campbell, 52nd Aviation Battalion commander. (U.S. Army Photo)

\$2,926,000 Locally In Federal Aid

NEW YORK, MAY 18 -- What Federal grants - in - aid and revenue sharing have been producing for Hoke County in the way of money? To what extent did the local area share in the \$42.8 billion that was distributed in the last fiscal year, compared with the amounts that went to other communities? On the basis of Treasury Department figures and a state - by - state analysis of them made by the Tax Foundation, a non - profit organization that keeps track of government taxation and spending, Hoke County's share was relatively large. An estimated \$2,926,000 in grants were awarded for local purposes in the year under a variety of aid programs. The total allotment for the State of North Carolina as a whole amounted to \$937,000,000. It covered a number of aid programs, such as public housing, child welfare, hospitals and health, roads, schools and urban renewal. The figures take into account only grants - in - aide and revenue sharing and

do not include other government expenditures in local communities for goods and services. As to the cost of these benefits, they are met by each locality, in whole or in part, by the portion of their income and excise taxes that go into the aid programs. Hoke County's contribution for such purposes last year was approximately \$2,692,000, according to a breakdown of the figures. Statewide, the cost was \$857,000,000. Not included in these amounts were the matching funds that had to be put up locally in connection with many grants. The Tax Foundation's study of the way the aid programs are financed shows that the \$42.8 billion that Washington returned to the states and their sub-divisions last year took more dollars out of 22 states than went back to them in the form of aid. Indiana was the biggest loser. It paid \$1.55 for every dollar of aid. The chief gainer was Alaska, which put up only 38 cents per dollar of aid received.

Tax List

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Table listing tax information for various property owners in Hoke County, including names, addresses, and tax amounts.

Table listing real estate sales or transactions, including names of parties, property addresses, and sale prices.

Table listing real estate sales or transactions for StoneWall Township, including names of parties, property addresses, and sale prices.