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# A Plug For North Carolina's Tax Dike

TAR HEEL taxpayers no longer fear that the General Assembly will let them down. They have passed that stage. Now, they wonder if legislators will let them up.

The early omens are not good. Gov. Hodges and the Advisory Budget Commission have already indicated that new taxes are in store for North Carolinians in 1959.

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But human beings, the most incurably selfish. If he brars that a new tax has been proposed, the only thing he is interested in it is teffect on himself. Consequently, whichever way the General Assembly turns in 1959 here will be several thousand simultaneous shrieks of anguish.

About the only thing legislators can do to balance governmential budgets is to nip off a little more tax revenue here and uproot a trembling tax source there until, miraculously, enough is coming in to take care of what is going out. Talk of raising the state sales tax from 3 to 4 per cent also at tax be fairly and equilably end is that the present sales tax law is riddled with exemptions. The shrieks would be deafening. It would be far better for the General Assembly to missit that the states have the sales tax law is riddled with exemptions. Since 1835, legislators have repeatedly yielded to special interests in removing items from the act's sphere. It was estimated in 1955 that those exemptions would be worth \$4.81 million a year to the state—and more exemptions would be worth \$4.81 million a year to the state—and more exemptions would be worth \$4.81 million a year to the state—and more exemptions would be worth \$4.81 million a year to the state—and more exemptions would be worth \$4.81 million a year to the state—and more exemptions would be worth \$4.81 million a year to the state—and more exemptions would be worth \$4.81 million a year to the state—and more exemptions would be worth \$4.81 million a year to the state—and more exemptions would be worth \$4.81 million a yea

# For Deep Breathers, Great Expectations

WITH autumn just around the corner of the calendar. Charlotte can sniff the air with renewed confidence to-

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Charles S. Frost, the city's air pollution control director, reports that there was a marked reduction in local smoke conditions during the 1957-38 heating season. There are high hopes that 1958-59 will be even pleasanter for deep breathers. Naturally, the moto around Mr. Frost's laboratory is "Smog Stay Way From Our Door."

That's fine.

High hopes are fine. too But this should also be a season of great expectations.

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Mr. Frost has had several years to size up his problem and get to work on appropriate solutions. So far, he has concentrated on education and the gentle art of persusion in eliminating sources of irritation. Progress has obviously been made. But the time is fast approaching when sterner measures may

have to be taken to register significant new gains.

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The great majority of Charlotteans support Mr. Frost a "is cause enthusiastically. They are n a duta this city has tackled the problem of air pollution early—when it can still be controlled. They will go as far as reason dictates to enforce the rules and regulations so essential to adequate control.

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The problem is many-sided. Charlot-teaus are dirtying the air with matter in every state — solid. liquid, gaseous. The contamination comes from many sources. It seems to be worse when there is a warm air lid over a layer of cool air— trapping irritants and holding them close to earth. But the problem can be solved. The requirments for solution are ra-ther simple? A vigorous and continuing program emphasizing education and co-operation, backed up by a willingness to resort to stern enforcement when neces-sary.

# Yours, Governor, For Longer Abuses

GOV. HODGES was telling slate employes how well off they really are, the other day at Durham, when he took as wipe at coffee breaks. "Throw in the coffee breaks, which are sometimes, abused." In the first place, governor, coffee breaks are entirely too vital to be thrown in nonchalantly. And in the second, so far as we're concerned, coffee breaks were made to be abused. "If by "abused" the governor means 'and we gather he does "extended." Why on earth shouldn't we abuse the coffee break when he come the companies of the concerned of the companies of the compani

# Weimar Jones In The Franklin Press

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That recalls a story told by Macon native Don S. Elias, of Askeville.

The young job applicant filled out all spaces on bis application blank exempt that asking his church preference. He left that blank.

Looking over the application, the personnel manager asked the applicant.

# **Operation Face Saving**



## Behind The Scenes

# The Decision To Intervene

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## **Uncle Sam Invests**

# The Education Act

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