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THAT GAS TAX INCREASE

one-cent increase on the gasonine tax with gual consistency.

This News supported Governor Scott in his effort to persuade the Legislature to disassociate the tax increase from the bond sizese, under the theory that the extra \$7 million a year from the tax boost would be needed more without the bond issue than

Nevertheless, the Senate, in its wisdom, aw fit to tie the two together, thus making a vote against the bond issue a vote against the gasoline tax increase. The ballots on June è will not be so marked, but each voter should be made aware of that

ere will be those who will vote against ond issue because it means the tax intax increase, although it means a bond is-sue; there will be those who vote for or

to explain to the voters just what is in-olved.

At present Tar Heel motorists are paying almost sight-cents a gallon in various gas-cline levies. The exact figure is 7% cents. This includes a 1% cent Pederal tax, a 8 cent-State tax for highway purposes, and a 4 cent State inspection tax.

If the bond issue is approved by the vot-ers on June 4, the tax will increase on Jan. 1, 1850, to 5% cents per gallon.

Governor Scott appealed for the extra gasoline tax so that the carrying charges on the \$200 million in bonds, estimated al \$14 million a year, would not cut so deeply into the present sum available for the present road program. The extra tax will produce about \$7 million a year.

In this connection, the experience those states which have kept the same gas-cline tax since 1935 is interesting. The fol-

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	alion) 1935		crease
	10,313	28,226	174
Ariz 5	3,279	9,389	. 186
		20,067	143
Pla 7	17,897	45,286	153
Ga 6	15,772	36,712	133
III 3	30,385	52,620	73
Ind 4	19,262	36,533	90
Mass 3	17,334	23,968	38
Mich 3	22,791	42,062	85
Miss 6	7,512	20,427	172
Mo 2	9,845	17,723	80
Mont 5	3,845	7,435	93
Nev 4	962	2,541	164
N. H 4	2,868	4,551	59
N. J 3	18,205	28,627	57
N. C 6	19,147	44,390	132
Ore 5	7,943	20,905	163
B. C 6	8,766	22,443	156
8. D 4	4,315	6,668	55
Tenn 7	14,966	38,950	160
Tex 4	33,606	73,748	119
Utah 4	2.714	6,895	154
Wis 4	16,250	29,426	81
Wyo 4	1,932	4,688	143
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TOTAL ... IR.III season to these 24 states, only three, Arkansas, Florida, and Tennessee, have levied a higher gasoline tax since 1935 than North Carolina. Despite the lower rate in this state, our revenue in 1948 expeeded that of Arkansas and Tennessee, and was just slightly under Florida.

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It is not likely that the addition of an extra cent on the gasoline tax will decrease consumption materially. It was for that reason that The News favored the boost, in order that the State might accelerate its road program without abandoning the pay-at-you-go basis we have finally achieved.

achieved. But we cannot justify this extra taxation as an expedient for partly financing the claborate rural road program which Governor Scott is espousing, and which will again plungs the State heavily into debt at a time when we should be trimming our financial sails.

FRIENDS OF FRANCO

... The fact of the matter was that a government was setablished in 8 pa in which was posterand on the regime in Italy and in Germany and was, and is, a Pacsit Government and a dictatorship. The importance is not in throwing words around in falking about Facilits because other people coil se Facilits, low We do not get anywhere merely by using that word. The important thing is what goes on in - Dean Acheson

MR. ACHESON went on to name some of the things about Spain to which the citizens of free countries object.

sitisens of free countries object. France of the countries object. For one thing, the Government of France odes not grant the right of habeas corpus. In Spain, you could languish forever in durance vile without being able to force the court to justify, under the provisions of this law, the fact that they are holded go.

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question of religious liberty, which is funlamental to a free exercise of the human
personality. That right does not exist in

Spain. "Then there is the right of association—in political activities, in trade union activities, in benevolent activities—that right floss not exist in Spain."
Mr. Acheson's remarks were occasioned by the debate in the Senate, in which several solons—McCarran, Vandenberg, Contailly, Brewster — defended Spain. These Senators thought the United States shouldend its Ambassador back to Matrid and

the United Nations.

In doing this the United States would be condoning and subsidizing oppression.

What would we gain from it? Senstor Brewster says we could sell 300,000 bales of cotton and 30,000,000 bathels of wheat to Spain if we got along with its Government a little better.

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The other Senators had other reasons, but it is Senator Brewster's reason that will be the senator Brewster's reason that while the senator Brewster's reason that will not senator be senator between the senator of the work it will be condone Packet mir it can make a profit out of it.

That won't be true, but not for the reason most of us would like to believe—that is, that we would not condone Packet for profit. It would not be true because we would not make a profit. Spain could not buy our cotton and our wheat unless we loaned Spain money to buy it. Spain cannot afford to buy from the U. S.

It is to be hoped that the Senate and the people of Surope will overlook Senator Brewster's salesmanship and listen instead to Dean Acheson.

Mi' Acheson has called the withdrawal of our Ambassador from Spain a "symbol" of disapproval. It we should now send an Ambassador to Spain, it could be interpreciously as a "symbol" of spproval.

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The profit is the United States.

Our approval of Franco's Fasciam would oblittle to further our program of french ship in the Atlantic community. The profrance speeches of Brewster and of our two Congressional foreign policy leaders—Yandenberg and Connally — already have done much to hurt that recognition of community of interest.

From The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot

M. DEWEY ET MME. TUSSAUD

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In the unhurried fashion of museums—
specially British museums— Madam

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happen in November but didn't. The liquidation of the wax Dewey at Mme. Tus
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involvements than when he left. Maybe a

better authority than Senator Taft. It is

well within the possibilities, these crystal
gazers suggest, that Mr. Dewey may have a

try of renderyous with Destiny in 1953. In

has present the first sign of

the support of the proposition.

'Nobody Can Say I'm Not Working'



People's Platform

A Plea For Roads, Schools

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Editors. The News:

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of the mud. Why do I say this? Because our former
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More On Russia

HIGH POINT

Cost Of Borrowing

Opposes Federal Aid

UNSTON-SALEME
Editors. The News:

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interested in your editorial. Those Rule Passed
and I, personally, verde Senators Rooy and Graham
and Congressman Thurmond Chatham. In fact, I
wrote all of the members of the House of Rep,
and Congressman Thurmond that the Mouse of Rep,
and I personally verde Senators Rooy and Graham
and Longress will kill this bill as well as a
mumber of there bills. that they have up there.

I just wanted to thank you for writing such an

The King Is Dead

DeWitt MacKenzie

The Doubt Remains

Drew Pearson's Congressmen Get Care They Deny People Merry-Go-Round

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Rayburn's Alleged Friend