

Skyrocketing Trend In Motoring Taxes In Last Decade

The tax burden on the nation's motor vehicle users has steadily grown bigger and bigger throughout the last decade and a new all-time record appears a certainty for 1957, when the total is expected to reach \$3 billion, Thomas B. Watkins, president of the North Carolina State Automobile Association said today.

The motor club official made that forecast after detailed studies of the latest available figures on the motoring tax "take" in the United States.

"In 1955," he pointed out, "special motor vehicle taxes totaled \$7,296,329,000 according to such authentic sources as the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, the Board of Investigation and Research and the automobile manufacturers. These were special taxes on motor vehicle users. Not included were income and property taxes on motor vehicle, body, parts and tire factories, garages, dealers, repair shops, terminal and truck, and taxicab and bus operating companies.

"The \$7.3 billion in taxes were made up of gross registration receipts totaling \$1,482,648,000; net state gasoline taxes of \$2,543,045,000; special city and county levies totaling \$250,000,000; bridge, tunnel, ferry and road tolls of \$285,000,000; and Federal excise taxes totaling \$2,735,636.

"The skyrocketing trend of these motoring taxes began in 1946, just after the end of World

War Two, when the total collected from the sources indicated above was \$2,570,227,000. By 1950, the total had zoomed to \$4,359,361,000. And now a total almost double that tremendous sum is in prospect for next year.

"Where motoring taxes properly are applied to motoring purposes, there has been little resistance to these levies from the motoring public, which understands full well that its continuing demand for modern highways cannot be met without additional taxation. However, there is definite and growing resistance to diversion of motoring taxes to general state purposes," Mr. Watkins declared.

Agricola, the 16th-century German "father of mineralogy," popularized the term "fossil." It comes from the Latin fossilis meaning "dug up."

Turkey, a geographic bridge between Europe and Asia, has 4,454 miles of coastline but only 1,533 miles of land border.

For peak flavor, remove chest from the refrigerator half an hour before serving it.

Six states produce almost 81 percent of all the coal mined through surface operations. Ohio leads with Pennsylvania, Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia and Indiana following in that order. In 1953, latest year for which full statistics are available, Ohio produced more than 21 million tons through surface operations.



W. A. Dobson
DANIEL BOONE BOY SCOUT COUNCIL TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

W. A. Dobson, Regional Executive of Atlanta, Ga., will be the speaker at the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Daniel Boone Council of the Boy Scouts which will be held at the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville on January 14, at 6:30 p. m. Some 300 Scout leaders and their wives from the fourteen counties of the council are expected to attend.

C. Hennessee of Sylva, council president, will preside. Keys will be presented to two leaders for completion of 3 years training and outstanding performance, and an attendance cup awarded to the district with the greatest attendance. Award of Silver Beavers to three Scouters with long records of outstanding performance will be made.

Officers for 1957 will be installed and new members of the Executive Board introduced. These include James H. Bailey of Marshall, T. G. Ford of Asheville, Bill Smith of Spruce Pine, Walter Straus of Brevard and B. E. Colkitt of Waynesville. District chairmen who will take office are Andrew Gennett of Asheville, Don Randolph of Canton, Kirk Newell of Hendersonville, C. A. Bales of Robbinsville, Rev. Roy Bell of Sylva, Harry Lantz of Spruce Pine and Dr. E. O. Bryant of Brevard. There will be a tribute to Scout Executive A. W. Allen who will retire in May.

The annual report will show that there are almost five thousand boys and leaders in the Scouting program in the Daniel Boone Council area.

GASOLINE TAXES IN THREE DAYS NOW TOP FIRST YEAR'S TOTAL

Somewhere in North Carolina a service station pump on Thursday, January 3, registered the fraction of a gallon of gasoline that will bring to \$808,000 the amount North Carolina motorists will have paid in gasoline taxes just since midnight of New Year's Eve.

This, it was pointed out today by S. Gilmer Sparger, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, is as much money, in three days, as the North Carolina state gas tax produced in a whole year, following its original enactment in 1921. And there was no federal tax on gasoline then, or until 1952.

Sparger noted that the present 71.4-cent state gasoline tax is expected to take in an estimated \$92.7 million this year, while the 3-cent federal tax will bring total motor fuel tax collections in this state to an estimated \$129 million.

This, he pointed out, means that gas tax revenues are now being collected from North Carolina highway users at a rate of \$1 million every three days, or as much money within three days as the 1-cent 1921 tax produced in

a whole year. "It is true," Sparger said, "that there are now 9.5 times as many motor vehicles in use in North Carolina as there were in 1921, and that many of these vehicles are receiving greater use, but this only partially explains the fact that gas tax revenues are now running 160 times as high." The big factor, he added, is the present combined state and federal tax rate of 101.4 cents a gallon, which he said is equivalent to a 48 per cent "sales tax" on gasoline.

HUBERT STYLES ARRIVES IN SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

San Diego, Calif. (FHTNC) — Hubert Styles, fire control technician third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Styles of Green Mountain, N. C., and husband of Mrs. Mildred I. Styles of Asheville, arrived at San Diego, Calif., Dec. 21 aboard the destroyer USS Taussig.

The ship completed six months in the Far East where she operated with Task Force 77.

Ports visited were Kobe and Yokosuka, Japan; and Hong Kong.

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF YANCEY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by ELMO EDWARDS and wife, LOUETTA EDWARDS, dated 28 March 1955 and recorded in Yancey County Mortgage Deed Book 41, page 509, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and said Deed of Trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the door of the Courthouse in Burnsville, North Carolina, at noon, on the 4th day of February 1957, the property conveyed in said Deed of Trust, the same lying and being in the Town of Burnsville, Burnsville Township, Yancey County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on an iron stake in the South property line of West Main Street and in the Northwest corner of the Tri-County Oil Company's lot, said stake being 20 feet South of the center line of the existing concrete paving and running thence S. 21-30 E., 146 feet with the Tri-County Oil Company's line to a stake in the center of the branch; thence a Southwesterly course with meanders of branch to a stake in Roberts & Johnson Lumber Company line; thence N. 22-39 W. 196 feet with Roberts & Johnson line to a stake in the South property line of West Main Street, said stake being 20

feet South of the center of the concrete paving; thence N. 67-50 E., 112 feet parallel with the center of the Street to the point of BEGINNING, containing 0.45 acre. AND BEING the same land described in a Deed dated 26 March 1955 from Roberts & Johnson Lumber Company to Elmo M. Edwards and wife, Louetta Edwards, which Deed is recorded in Yancey County Deed Book 114 page 177.

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding and unpaid Town and County ad valorem taxes.

This 2nd day of January, 1957, G. D. BAILEY, Trustee January 10, 17, 24 and 31

NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY

Having qualified as EXECUTOR of the estate of CHARLES E. LAURENTS, deceased, late of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned (or her Attorney, E. L. Briggs,) at Burnsville, N. C. on or before the 22nd day of Dec. 1957, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 22nd day of Dec. 1956. Mrs. Helen G. Laurents, Executrix of the Estate of Charles E. Laurents, Deceased. Dec. 27, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24-31

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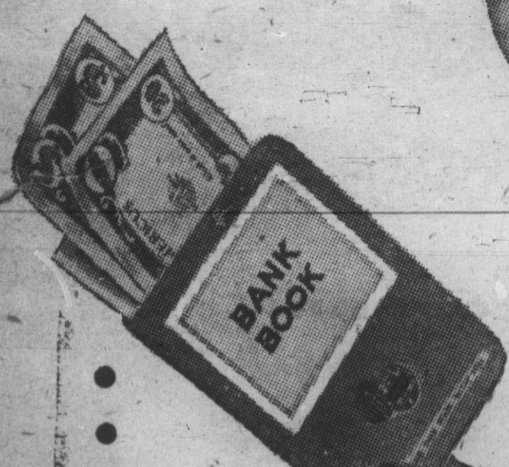
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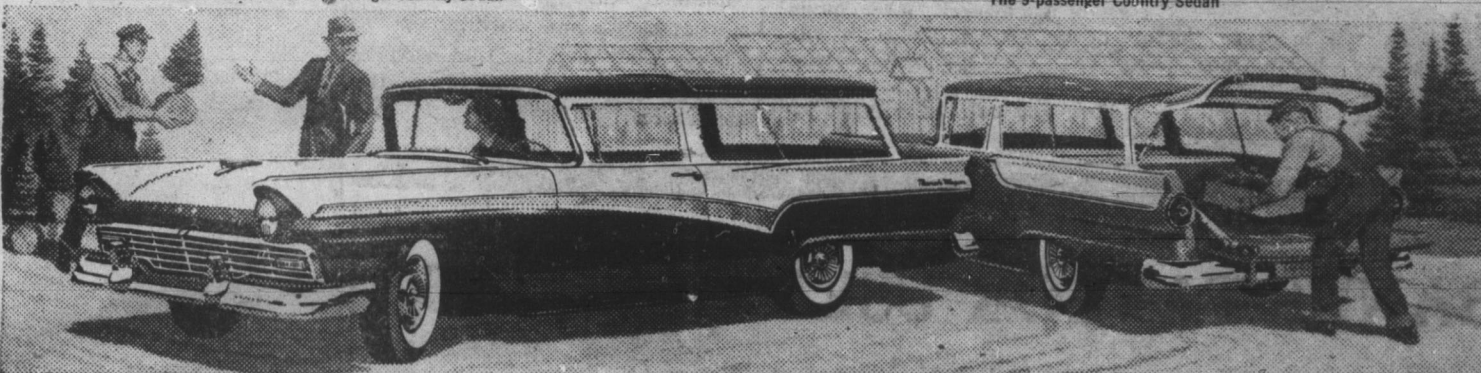
TOP AIR AWARD... Vice Pres. Nixon presents air force chief-of-staff Gen. Nathan Twining and Pres. Wm. M. Allen of Boeing Aircraft Co. with twin Collier trophies for B-52 stratofortress.



The 6-passenger Country Sedan



The 9-passenger Country Sedan



The Del Rio Ranch Wagon

The Ranch Wagon

FIVE NEW FORD glamour wagons long, low and loaded with Go!

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If your needs call for a 6-passenger wagon with four doors, you'll love the new Country Sedan. It has almost nine feet of loadspace—nearly a foot more than ever before.

There's still another 4-door Country Sedan. It has the extra third seat for 9-passenger room. And, as in all Ford wagons for '57, you have the new single-control handle

which opens both the wrap-around liftgate and tailgate with one motion. And they can't be opened from inside!

There's good news, too, about Ford's popular Ranch Wagon. This 6-passenger, 2-door model features Ford's new subdued tones, and smart interiors which defy muddy little shoes and drippy chocolate cones.

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