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TRY AGAIN? . . . With income to the General Fund running about 20 million dollars ahead of expectations, it looks as we will have no new taxes in North Carolina for several years.

In fact, the Democrats — no doubt anticipating the surplus — in session here a month ago put "no new taxes" as one of the official planks in the platform.

However, the State-owned colleges are bursting at the seams with the war babies (born 1941-46) which couples brought along in an effort to keep hubby out of the draft.

So, we will probably try a bond issue — if the Legislature of 1963 will set the stage for it — again during the Sanford administration.

Whether it will pass, of course, remains to be seen.

The extra money we are now getting from taxes — and are expecting to get for years to come — will be enough to pay back with interest the money we will borrow if the bond vote is accepted.

RIGHT TO SPEAK . . . Since we have two sons — ages 19 and 22 — we know whereof we speak of the dangers of driving among the teenagers.

And, beginning on June 1 past, the liability insurance alone on our two cars, my 1950 Pontiac and our 1960 Ford, jumped to \$263 per year!

Because our boys are under-25, the insurance is sky-high already. But now we have gone into assigned risk — and it's like cube roof. No end to it, it seems: imagine our having to spend — in all — about \$300 per year in insurance alone to keep two cars (the total value of which is less than \$1,500) on the road.

It is ridiculous and preposterous!

READY . . . So, as for us and our household, we are now ready to support, all-out as they say, any experiments on more rigidity for drivers 16-18.

You should be ready, too.

We would like to see the Legislature push the age to begin driving to 17 for a two-year study. If it has good results then raise it to 18.

Because the teenagers seems to be pretty much in charge, we doubt that it will be done. But it might. Most teenagers we know are entirely too big for their britches and need to be taken down a peg or two.

THE TRAIL . . . We still cannot quite grasp the news value of the Burch-Brewer thing. We read every newspaper in North and South Carolina and most of the big daily papers of all the southeastern states. In all of them, it has been big news from the beginning.

As the various parties moved along the trail . . . or prepared for it, . . . we stuck our head in the

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Uncle Sam's Food Gifts Up Sharply Over 1961

Uncle Sam gave away a billion and a half pounds of food in the nine months since last June — 87 per cent more than for the same period of fiscal 1961.

The increase resulted from the Department of Agriculture's efforts to use more of the nation's agricultural abundance to help school children and the needy. In March of this year, 7.4 million needy folks received food from USDA, compared to 5.6 million in March 1961 when the effects of the step-up in the family donation program was first realized.

door of the Wake County Courtroom for a few minutes to get the "atmosphere." We found it — dull.

It will be up in Dog Days before we know the answer — but they are saying around here that the verdict may be: Not Guilty.

Besides the rise in this nation, the government gave away more food abroad. The total of the domestic and foreign programs was 3.6 billion pounds — 42 per cent more than the same period a year earlier.

More than 130 million pounds went to charitable institutions — about 17 per cent above the 111 million pounds of a year ago.

Cost of donated commodities to all outlets in the July-March period was \$461.9 million, about 56 per cent more than the same period of the year before.

Where did the food come from? USDA got it through its price support and surplus-removal operations.

In North Carolina this March there were 162,337 needy persons in the families which got donated food from Uncle Sam.



BIG DADDY — Haystack Calhoun, 601-pound wrestler, is a mighty proud father as he looks at 6-pound 11-ounce daughter, Kathy Elizabeth, at a Charlotte, N.C., hospital.

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