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Biennially Enough?


Fact is.
pretty well.

## Exit Mr. Hickel

## Another of the original members of President Nixon's cabinet has been fired

 The circumstances were the same fromthe standpoint of variance with White House policy. In the instance of Robert
Finch, former Seeretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Mr. Finch was the
cabinet liberal, opposed by Attorne cabneral John Mitchell. evidently closer
Go the Nixon views. Mr. Finch merely
to to the Nixon views. Mr. Finch merer
was kicked upstairs as a White House
advisor. Walter Hickel opposed administra-
tion policy, more honestly than Mr. Finch, but, his major sin was dabbling in student unrest, hardly a major pro-
blem of the Department of the Interior
which finds its maior human relations which finds its major human relation Withal, he left the office held in
esteem for his forthrightness and abilesteem for his forthrightness and ability to decide issues on basis of facts
rather than preseconeveed ideas sy many
who opposed his nomination to Interior's top post and by the rank a-and-filie Amer-
ican who when he was appointed asked, "'Hickel? Whon's Hickel?" woointed asked The night before he was sacked, he
told a television interviever hee would
not leave unless he were fired American people like that trait of

## Support Your Merchants Your Parade

an excitingrow's one and wire promises ment to be
forts to to
seems. Much effort and planning has gone
into the event, the first of its kind in several years, and Co-chairmen Jim
Donney and Clint Rankin deserve much
credit for their work Officially opening the Christmas
shopping season it's Officially opening the Christmas
shoping season, it's a good time to ree
mind residents of the tremendous barmind residents of the tremendous bar
gains being offered by local merchants,
whe have used much thought in stocking their shelves to suit their customers. Also, let's remind that all dollars
that are spent in the community will go
to improve the community. At least Ir's a good bet you'll be pleasently
surprifed.

## The Necessary Tax

North Carolina's format ment, being what it is (and from re sults its a pretty good one), the gas tax incluaing the two-cent per gation in-
crease imposed by the 1969 General Assembly, is the necessary tax.

In this instance, the Herald disa grees with Senator Marshall Rauch who emerged - both in the 1969 session
an all-out anti-tax man with the excep tion of the tax on cigarettes and other bacco products.
The facts of life are that highway
nstruction costs here inflated astroconstruction costs here inflated astro nomically and the auto-truck (yes,
motor bikes and cycles, too) population continues to escalate.
The improved York Road strip, bud
geted at about $\$ 750,000$, cost a million Very little of the city's $\$ 314,000$ bond share credit will remain after the need
ed Cansler Street widening project. Wha the U.S. 74 by-pass will cost is unknown but will be much higher than the rough
estimates of 1964 . (Has it been six estimates of 1964, (Has it
years? Indeed it has been.)
Any less than this state's invest
ment in roads - largest state-mintsin ment in roads - largest state-maintained road mileage of the sucing a stuation
such as effet of produch experienced. The
such the it was the Los Angeles thru
inadequate.

Meantime, Governor Bob Scott commendation that an additional half cent per gallon be rebate
should be implemented.
The revenues are sufficient from
the additional tax and the cities will the additional tax and the cities whl
put the extra funds to quick and bene-
ficial use.

## Congratulations, Dr. Hord

D. Congratulations are in order for Dr tist who recently was awarded the Dis tinguished Service Award "in recogni-
tion for his tireless efforts for improv ing the dental health of the children o his community and state and for devoted The recanition The recognition came from the
North Carolina Society of Dentistry for Children of which Dr. Hord is a charte mill one by any means and Kings Mountain is proud of his service and leader ship. He is a credit to his profession and It is unique that Dr. Hord and his
long-time friend, Dr. Ladd W. Hamrick, Mountain, were recogized in in King fessions the same weekend. Dr. Hamrick now an internist in Concord and whose father was associated with Phenix Mills here was honored by the Duke Univers-
ity Medical Center November 20 for outstanding service to the medical profes

Both were educated in their under graduate studies at Wake Forest, each
was best man in the other's wedding. And each has succeeded in making The Jaycees deserve your coopera The Jaycees deserve your coopera-
tion in their "Toys for Tots" project now
underway. Their efforts will result in many a smiling face comes Christmas They are going beyond their call of duty by repairing toys that will be distributed as well as collecting and selling drink purchase new toys. Last year's efforts
fell short of the goal...help them to
provide their good cheer and good will provide their good cheer and good will
this year.

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