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EDWIN MAURICE GILL

Edwin Maurice Gill, retiring this year after twenty-four years as Treasurer of the State of North Carolina, has had an extraordinarily varied career. Born in Laurinburg, he attended Trinity College, was admitted to the Bar, and practiced law. Beginning as private secretary to Governor O. Max Gardner in 1931, he held a series of state and federal offices of growing importance culminating in his election as Treasurer. He has administered his office with careful concern for economy, but with recognition that not all state enterprises should be judged on the basis of projected fiscal return.

Mr. Gill's exceptional talents have been employed also outside his office, in many ways, for the people of North Carolina. He was instrumental in setting up the first parole system in the State, in establishing the Local Government Commission and in founding the North Carolina Art Museum. He has been a major force in the State Employees' Retirement System, and as a member of the state Board of Education ~~and~~ has strongly supported the concept of a broad, liberal education. As Trustee of the Art Museum, he has been active in helping to obtain major art works for it and in the planning for a new museum structure.

In recognition of his broad contributions to the State, in office and out, in the very best traditions of public service, this University is honored to present him this degree.