

ROBERT OBEDIAH HUFFMAN, of Morganton, alumnus of this University in the

Class of 1913, President of Phi Beta Kappa, member of the Golden Fleece, active in student life; returned after his graduation to his home town to enter the field of business, where his industry, character, and ability have won for him many honors and positions of responsibility and trust. President of three textile mills, a furniture company, and a farmers' cooperative, director of two banks and two insurance firms, Mr. Huffman has held offices in several regional trade associations, and is now a director of the National Association of Manufacturers. Philanthropist and civic leader, he has shared his money as donor and his abilities as trustee or officer with many institutions, notable among which are Mars Hill College, the Drexel Foundation, South Mountain Institute, Grace Hospital of Morganton, and the Business Foundation of the University of North Carolina, of which he was president in 1950-1951. He has been Mayor of Morganton, Chairman of its School Board, and President of its Kiwanis Club. During the war years he served his country under the Office of Production Management, the War Production Board, and the Offices of Price Administration and Price Stabilization. His brilliant mind, his executive skill, his warm-hearted friendliness, his unselfish devotion to others have endeared him to thousands of his fellow-citizens, and Alma Mater is happy to pay tribute to the talents and accomplishments of one of her stalwart sons.

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