

JOHN WESLEY UMSTEAD, JR. Native of Durham County and now a resident of Chapel Hill, trained in this University, where he graduated in 1909; quickly rose to a position of leadership in his chosen profession of Life Insurance.

For two decades able representative of his community in the legislative halls of his State and author of far-reaching legislation, he has been a steady champion of movements for better schools, hospitals and penal institutions in North Carolina.

Philanthropist, whose benefactions have helped scores of students to complete their education, he has devoted his time and his fortune to the unfortunate.

Member, since 1945, of the State Hospitals Board of Control, and now its Chairman, he has untiringly worked to improve the care of the mentally ill, to raise the standards of medical education and to stimulate the growth of our great medical center.

Deeply concerned with the social well-being of his State, he was in charge of the procurement of Camp Butner and the establishment there of the mental hospital, the alcoholic rehabilitation center, and the Umstead Youth Center, where offenders against society are effectively rehabilitated and returned to places of usefulness.

Director of the General Alumni Association since 1921, Trustee of this University since 1939 and member, since 1946, of its Executive Committee, John Umstead has devoted his talents without stint to the service of his State and his Alma Mater, whose gratitude he has so richly deserved. In token thereof, a grateful faculty is proud to confer on him the degree of Doctor of Laws.