

ROBERT WALTER SCOTT

Robert Walter Scott, Governor of the State of North Carolina, was born and still resides near Haw River. He attended Duke University and North Carolina State College. An outstanding dairy farmer, he has participated in the work of several important farm organizations; he was Master of the North Carolina State Grange from 1961 to 1963. His concern for protection of the environment is shown in recent legislative recommendations, present administrative actions, and in past work with several state and national conservation agencies. He early demonstrated interests beyond the land, in such service as that of Chairman of the United Forces for Education in North Carolina. He was an unusually active Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, 1964-1968. As Governor he has had the courage to risk offending strongly vested interests in order to initiate a long list of needed new programs. Among these are a beginning in state support of kindergartens, new support for state institutions of education, health, and welfare, increases in library appropriations, an extensive highway construction program, and a substantial improvement in the salaries of underpaid state employees and public school teachers. He has led in the formation of a housing corporation to provide low-cost homes for citizens in low-income brackets. Governor Scott has candidly admitted that the name of his father, the late Governor W. Kerr Scott, has been a significant asset to him. It is greatly to his credit, however, that he has never attempted simply to ride his father's coattails; he has rightly chosen rather to follow in his father's footsteps--of service to the people. The University of North Carolina, in recognition of this service, is honored to bestow upon him the degree, Doctor of Laws.