Senator Umstead and Horse He Got As Boy Shared 33 Years OF Work And Pleasure on his horse, but h



THE UMSTEAD FAMILY-Shown here are Senator William B. Umstead, Mrs. Umstead and their five-year-old daughter, Merle Bradley. This picture was taken at the Umstead residence in Durham. Mrs. Umstead is the former Miss Merle B. Davis of Rutherford County.

Under Bill's loving care, Robbie

Durham, April 26 .- This is a little- | teacher whose first name was Roberta. known story of a Durham County farm boy who became a U. S. Senator and a little black mare, which shared 33 years of his life.

It is a story of devotion and hard work shared by a North Carolina farm boy and his horse. Like so many ried him to successful career as an attorney and public official.

It all began one day in 1904 when a trim black colt was born on the to-bacco farm of the late John W. Um-tired buggy which Robbie pulled with stead in the northern part of this an effortless trot that covered miles county. To the world this was no of dusty Durham County roads. special event, but to the Umstead Yet all was not play for the farm family and especially to Bill, a slend- boy and his horse. Li. e most farms, er, sandy-haired lad of nine, it was a life on the Umstead tobacco farm reday of great excitement.

colt was given to him to raise as his the work, but he was anxious to see own horse. He promptly named her that no one else handled Robbie, so he Robbie, in honor of a favorite school hurried home each day from his

horse with a gentle disposition and stout heart. Her small but wellshaped body and fine head gave evidence to the good blood lines of her a busy summer before he left for ancestors. While there was no doubt Robbie was more than a common work good stories of American life, it re-flects the character and growth of a animal, to Bill she was the world's boy whose industry and integrity car- finest example of equine beauty, strength and intelligence.

By scrimping and saving like most farm boys with little cash income,

country school to make certain that he alone worked the little mare. grew into a compactly-built little Years passed, Bill completed high school with a good record and prepared to enter the University of North Carolina. He and Robbie spent Chapel Hill, and he departed for college with the solemn understanding from the Umstead family that Robbie would continue to receive the best care and handling.

Bill did well at Chapel Hill, and at the close of his freshman and sophomore years, returned home to the farm to team up with Robbie and make a tobacco crop so he could pay his way through school the next year. Robbie also provided transportation during the summer days for social outings and picnics. This arrangeay of great excitement. As Bill expected, the long-legged an industrious lad, Bill did not mind before the boy's last year. His father was growing old and had been unable to put in a tobacco crop, so Bill returned home for the summer faced with the serious problem of making enough money to replace the tobacco cash income and complete his college education.

> and himself-an alert, serious-minded young man with an inherited and acghired capacity for hard work. For a start he worked at a saw mill for one dollar a day. Then his father discovered that a road construction gang was planning to build a concrete bridge on a state highway nearby, so superintendent about a job.

rented, and a wagon, Bill was given king task of hauling

sand from the river bottom to the bridge site. Working steadily from

dawn until dusk six days a week, the boy and his team soon proved to the

superintendent that they could handle the job. It was not easy work for the

the wagon into the bottom, load a

square yard of sand by hand and then his sturdy little team of horses

had to pull the loaded wagon from

the deep sand up to the bridge site.

into Durham to live.

Time passed and in 1932 Bill Um-(Continued on Page Eight)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Continued From Page Nine) every man. We should appreciate the priceless heritage which has come down to us.

The best test of the value of the Bible is its own contents. No person can read it deliberately and thoughtfully without being improved and hav-ing higher ideals for life and conduct. The literature of the world and experience of mankind is a sufficient test to the miracle-working power of the Holy Scripture in the lives of mankind. Everyone should adopt some method of studying this great religious record.

Careful, thoughtful reading of the Bible will result in a definite change of the individual for the better. Greatly needed in our nation today is more regular reading of God's word. The Expositor's Dictionary of Texts, however, points out that "the Word of God must also be practised. Those people (the Jews in Ezra's time) put their Word of God into practice. Our life must be a life of repentance, of joy, of peace, of love, of wholehearted devotion and obedience, and of love, and unselfish sympathy. The Word became the power of God in their life."



Get off to a good start for summer by getting all your wearables in condition NOW! Call us today and have our courteous, uniformed driver stop.at your door.

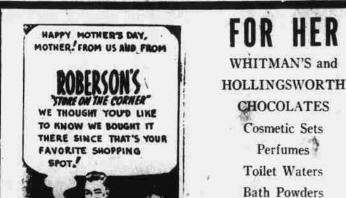




Bargains for Builders

Concrete Blocks, 8x8x16, each	24c
Flat Wall Paint, per gallon	
Mortar Cement, per bag	
Hydrated Lime, per bag	65c
Wool Insulation, per M	
Crushed Stone, on yard	\$4.00
Poultry Wire, 2"x4", per roll	\$5.00
West Coast Shingles, per square	
Nails, 8d Cut, per lb.	
Well Pipe, 24" Diameter, per ft	\$3.00
Flue Lining, 8x8, per ft.	45c
18-INCH DIAMETER Concrete Pipe, per ft.	\$1.90
VARIOUS COLORS Tile Board, per sheet	\$5.50
5-V Aluminum Roofing, per square	_\$10.65
Copper, in rolls, 14" wide, lb.	40c
Grade A Bricks, on yard, per M	
Barbed Wire, 4 ft., per roll	\$7.50
Dunstan Supply	Co.

NEXT DOOR TO COTTON MILLS ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.



His equipment consisted of Robbie

Bill went over to see the construction With his horse and another one he



"ON THE CORNER"

Costume Jewelry Billfolds Alarm Clocks Electric Fans

We have just received a new shipment of Crystal and Glassware. A very good assortment.

One week before school resumed at Chapel Hill, Bill and Robbie and the new horse completed the job. It meant six days a week of grueling labor un-**ROBERSON'S DRUG STORE** der the summer sun from a week after school closed in May until the first week of September. But accustomed to hard work, Bill had hauled sand HERTFORD, N. C. every day, except Sundays, for his entire summer vacation and made

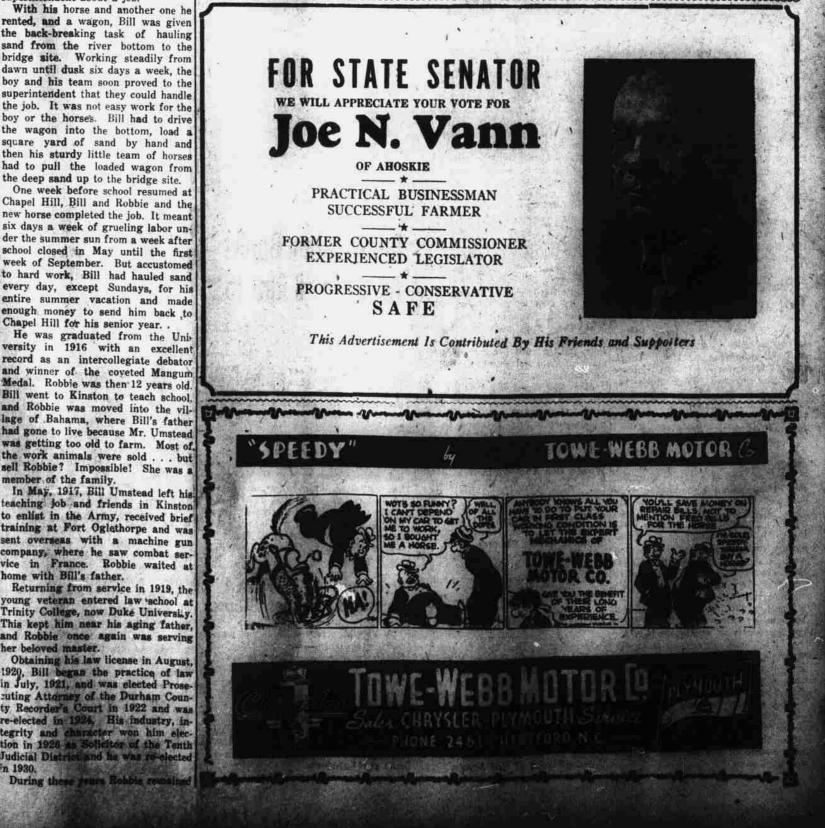
> Chapel Hill for his senior year. . He was graduated from the Univ versity in 1916 with an excellent record as an intercollegiate debator and winner of the coveted Mangum Medal. Robbie was then 12 years old. Bill went to Kinston to teach school. and Robbie was moved into the village of Bahama, where Bill's father had gone to live because Mr. Umstead was getting too old to farm. Most of, the work animals were sold . . . but sell Robbie? Impossible! She was a member of the family.

enough money to send him back to

In May, 1917, Bill Umstead left his teaching job and friends in Kinston to enlist in the Army, received brief training at Fort Oglethorpe and was sent overseas with a machine gun company, where he saw combat ser-vice in France. Robbie waited at home with Bill's father.

Returning from service in 1919, the young veteran entered law 'school at Trinity College, now Duke University. This kept him near his aging father, and Robbie once again was serving her beloved master.

her beloved master. Obtaining his law license in August, 1920, Bill began the practice of law in July, 1921, and was elected Prose-suting Attorney of the Durham Coun-ty Recorder's Court in 1922 and was re-elected in 1924. His industry, incter won him tegrity and e tion in 1926 a **Judicial Distri** n 1930. During th



- AT ____ VFW POST 8297 HALL **BINGO GAMES EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT** Join the Fun — Bring Your Friends

REFRESHMENTS

- 🔅 ----

YOU ARE INVITED TO

PLAY BINGO

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK

Tuesday Night, May