

— VOTE FOR —

# William B. Umstead

A TRUE FRIEND OF THE FARMER

— FOR —

# G O V E R N O R

AN ABLE, EXPERIENCED LEADER, WHOSE RECORD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE IN STATE AND NATION IS WITHOUT BLEMISH. HE IS FAMILIAR WITH PERQUIMANS COUNTY AND WILL WORK FOR BETTERMENT OF OUR AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS.



#### HIS PLATFORM:-

- Improved Education Systems
- Expand Road Program
- Continue To Improve Agriculture Program
- Encourage and Expand Public Health Program
- No Increase In Taxes
- Develop Highway Safety

## Meet Bill Umstead

A Tar Heel farmer's son whose integrity, ability and hard work made him a successful lawyer, district solicitor, Congressman and U. S. Senator.

WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD is the son of John W. and Lulie Lunsford Umstead and was born and reared on a tobacco farm in the northern part of Durham County. He worked on the farm until he was 21 years of age. Mr. Umstead has lived in Durham County all of his life. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1916 after winning the Mangum Medal and honors as an intercollegiate debater while a student there.

#### TAUGHT SCHOOL—SERVED OVERSEAS

His first job was teaching school at Kinston, North Carolina, during the school year of 1916-17, leaving Kinston in May, 1917, to enter the first training camp at Fort Oglethorpe. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, assigned to the 317th Machine Gun Battalion, 81st Division, and served with this outfit until released from service in April, 1919. He served about eight months overseas.

#### ELECTED DISTRICT SOLICITOR

The young veteran entered law school at Trinity College, now Duke University, in the fall of 1919 and obtained his law license in August, 1920. He began the practice of law July 1, 1921, and was elected Prosecuting Attorney of the Durham County Records Court in 1922 and was re-elected in 1924. In 1926 he was elected Solicitor of the Tenth Judicial District and was re-elected in 1930.

#### SERVED THREE TERMS IN CONGRESS

In 1932 he was elected to Congress in the Sixth Congressional District and re-elected in 1934 and 1936, retiring voluntarily at the end of his third term. Speaking about Mr. Umstead's service in Congress, the Honorable R. L. Doughton, dean of

the North Carolina delegation, declared: "I have never known a man who has more faithfully, more completely, or more assiduously discharged the duties incumbent upon a Representative in Congress than my beloved colleague from North Carolina, Mr. Umstead."

While a member of the House of Representatives, he served on the Appropriations Committee, and at the time of his retirement, he was Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Appropriations for the Navy Department. He also served on the Sub-Committee on Appropriations for the Department of Agriculture and devoted a great deal of time to the development of our present farm policy and program. He voted and worked for the Farm Program including the Soil Conservation Service, the Production Marketing Administration (formerly the Triple A), the Farm Home Administration (formerly the Farm Tenna Purchase Plan), the Rural Electrification Act, The Production Credit Associations, the Control Programs, and for agricultural research.

After leaving Congress, Mr. Umstead returned to Durham and re-entered the practice of law.

#### APPOINTED TO SENATE

In the spring of 1944 he managed the primary campaign for R. Gregg Cherry who was nominated and elected Governor. In August, 1944, Mr. Umstead was elected Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee and conducted the State campaigns in 1944 and in 1946. On December 18, 1946, he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late United States Senator Josiah W. Bailey. He served as a delegate to the 1948 National Democratic Convention.

#### ACTIVE IN CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

Mr. Umstead was married to Merle D. Davis of Rutherford County in 1929, and they have one daughter, Merle Bradley, who is nine years of age. He is a Methodist, has served for many years as a member of the Board of Stewards of Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, North Carolina, and was

Chairman of the Board for four years. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion and was Commander of Durham's Post No. 7 for seven years.

He has been Chairman of the Durham Chapter of the American Red Cross, member of the Board of Directors of the Durham Chamber of Commerce, and member of the Durham City-County Board of Health. He also served as president of the Durham Lions Club. He served as Appeal Agent for Draft Board No. 1 for 3½ years during World War II; has served as President of the Alumni Association of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Greater University of North Carolina. He belongs to the Durham County, State, and American Bar Association, and is a Mason.

VOTE FOR  
UMSTEAD  
FOR  
GOVERNOR  
IN THE  
DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY  
MAY 31st

Perquimans County Committee For Umstead  
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