THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1949

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM 'JELLS' SLOWLY

(Editorial Correspondence)

RALMIGH — This is the week that the program was supposed to "light", to use a phrase popular among members of the General Assembly, But something has been wrong with the recipe; the mixture of personalities, emotions, and issues is as fluid and unsolidified as ever.

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The General Assembly is running along according to tradition. Sessions are being held, committees are meeting, bills are being introduced and either killed, passed or piecon-holed. But it's atill a sparring match, a sort of shadow-boxing between the hard-headed individualist in the Governor's chair and the members of the Legislature.

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They have not yet come to blows; neither
have they called off the fight.

It is impossible, of course, for an outsider
to come to Relight and sort the many conflicting reports, rumors, and optinon; intosoherent, logical order. But there are certain gloomy impressions which seem toprevail among most of the lawnakers and
government officials which do not find
their way into the straight news accounts,
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closest to Governor Socit—lands credence
to their securery and validity.
Perhaps the best single description of the
attitude of the General Assembly was that
of a member who described it as a "cumulative irritation and resentence" at the,
way Governor Socit has gone about developing his Go Forward program.

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THE General Assembly which met here
early in January was definitely not a
pro-Boott group. On the contrary, a majority fell into the pro-Johnnon classification. But the legislators were duly impressed by the potent drive facott made to
win the nomination. They left that the
proval of the spirit of progress and change
radiating from the winning candidate as
he stormed up and down the state. \(\)
They came to Raleigh in a cautious
mood. They did not want to develop conflicts between the executive and legislative
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branches. Perhaps they were somthing less than enthinistic about certain phases of the 8coti program, but they were at least conciliatory—not because of 8cott, but because of the voters who had elected 8cott. The first major action of the Governor to rub legislative furs the wrong direction was his causal, almost distincted during the Advisory Budget Commission since hearings last Pall.

The budget commission method is held in high esteem by legislators. Composed of members of both House and Senake, the Commission sarts work weaks before the commission sarts works before the commission sarts works before the commission members visit all State institutions, listen to all department and agency heads. After they have received the request, they try, to allocate money two years in advance in a way to serve the State best. It is a ticklish, highly complicated project, and the final report which is given-to the Assembly represents countless hours of hard work.

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to present them with an outline of his own
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outlondor reserve fund to make available a total of \$20,000,000 for school capital
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Next, he appeared this week asking for
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program or some kind, but there is a good deal of sentiment against the \$300,000,000 and the \$300,000,000 and the \$300,000,000 and there is strong sentiment in favor of a broader educational program, perhaps even putting the State into the school building business, but there is much dissastiration with the Foundation Plan of financing and great bewilderment over any other method. There is little sentiment for a state referendum on liquor, though it might pass if it comes to a roll call vote. The sentence of the state of the state of the state is unto not only liquid the profession of the state; but no one quite knows how to do it.

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The remarkable thing about the whole business is that both pro-Scott and anti-Scott people refuse to predict when this shadow-boxing is going to end, and when and how the situation will "jell." That, in a General Assembly seasion, is virtually unheard of.—Pete McKnight.

THE DAVIDSON CAMPAIGN

area.

There have been a number of special gifts to the college. One of them announced yesterday — from R. Horace, Johnston and his sister, Mrs. Ross Johnston Stokes—totaled \$100,000. There have been other large gifts, but there have also been many smaller contributions from those unable to make large sifts.

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heard talks by Dr. Cunningham and others. And the tity responded.
It's not easy to rates \$250,000, but the
Charlotte area alone has already contributed \$700,000.

And the fund drive workers still have
about 1,100 prospects to talk with in this
area.

leges as Davidson, the job of educating the young people of our nation will be only half successful. Until there is room in which to learn, students will not receive the full benefit of the world's knowledge.

Those of us who have observed at first hand the great pressure on colleges and universities in the past ten years of expanded enrollment can support Davidson's development program wholeheartedly; we can testify to the urgent need for development.

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If the next session of the Legislature documents in which the drive is being pursued. We are certain there will be more, for the people of Charlotta and North Carolina serve beginning to appreciate the advantages of education and to understand the need for expanded educational facilities.

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The Charlotte News is the best paper in the world. I read every line in it and enjoy the back page. Tom Pesperman is great, and also Dr. Spaugh and Erich Brandels. That alone is worth the price

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Ireland Refuses To Join Atlantic Pact

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There was only one mild flare-up—when Sen. Brien Memahon or Connectivit surmed that the issue would be raised
again on the Senate floor that this country cannot please
or fight, since it is up to Congress to decider war. This
has already been brought up by Sens. Tom Connails and
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