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UMSTEAD'S PROGRAM—GO FORWARD SLOWLY

BECAUSE Governor William Umstead has kept so quiet about the content of his inaugural address, there had been much speculation here this week. Would he continue in the progressive tradition of all Tar Heel governors of the past...

he called for the state to keep moving ahead in its effort to provide modern school facilities for all our children, without discrimination. To do that, he said, the State must provide financial aid in addition to the \$25 million appropriated by the 1948 General Assembly...

There is no need here to list once again the main points of the Umstead program for a Better Tomorrow. They were simply covered in yesterday's News. A few of them, however, merit further consideration.

The new Governor is no Adlai Stevenson. His address brought only a few ripples of applause. The language was restrained to the point of staidness, the delivery unexciting.

Most dramatic, mainly because it had not been anticipated, was his recommendation of a state bond issue to meet the needs of mental institutions "now and for some years to come".

He believes officials in charge of American information and cultural projects in the countries he visited are able and hard-working, and are doing a good job, and the programs should be continued on something approximating their present scale.

Chances are that most, if not all, of Umstead's program will find smooth sailing in this General Assembly. We have already made note of the numerous split personalities during this opening week.

Properly conducted, the programs serve a useful and even an essential purpose, he said. They are highly civilized and sophisticated people over there. There is no use flooding the French, for example, with a lot of old-fashioned propaganda...

This newspaper is also gratified that the new Governor, unlike some other chief executives in the South, is not panicky at the possibility that the U. S. Supreme Court may upset the traditional pattern of segregation in public schools.

It's shocking, when you have been away for a while and come back, to get into this atmosphere of abuse and slander of Government servants, Fulbright said. "A lot of those people over there could come home and earn several times what they are making in their present jobs."

LET'S NOT HASTILY DROP THE LIEN LAW
ONE of the first bills dropped in the House at Raleigh this week was the repeal of a law providing for liens on the property of persons accepting old-age assistance.

Conditions have changed, however, and the programs need to be adapted to new conditions. He believes; shifts in emphasis are necessary if the programs are to achieve their maximum effectiveness.

Not that the assistance rolls had been padded with names of persons unentitled of help. What happened was that some children of the State folks decided to help support their parents, rather than see the family property encumbered.

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Voluntarily making a reconnaissance under heavy fire on Nov. 11, 1918, as everyone knows, was the day World War I ended. And about one hour before the end, when there was no "heavy fire," here is what happened to Pat Hurley, as by Senator Wilbur Rogers of the 77th Field Artillery, 3rd Division.

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This Is How The President Finally Got Duly Elected

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN
WASHINGTON
THE Constitution says in almost no more words than that the president of the Senate has to open the ballots of the electors and the electors to elect the Senators and Representatives.

Well, sir, I can't official that he's in, though for a minute there Adlai was well ahead. I mean the gentleman solemnly went through the whole hocus-fucus and all the news now is to say "I do" on Jan. 20.

The ceremony, on the face of it, was ludicrous. Here were 96 Senators, 435 Representatives, and a crowd of courtiers confirming by age-old rite that every body they've already knew. At the same time it was impressive; after all, the gentlemen were doing exactly what the fathers of our country ordered. Congress ago to make sure nobody pulled a fast one.

Behind them trod the U. S. Senator, the Senator too reserved seats up front and the Vice president, those boxes unopened, the clerk extracted the prescribed ballot of each state, starting with Alabama, which gave eight votes.

Some Congressmen Friendly To Ike Dislike Some Appointments
By MARQUIS CHILDS
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ON THE SURFACE the various members of the vicinity of the White House public affairs are maintaining a fine calm that passes for harmony.

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