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MR. GRAY FILLS THE BILL

This special committee of trustees could hardly have arrived at a more popular decision than the recommendation that Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray be appointed president of the Greater University of North Carolina.

Governor Scott's announcement that Mr. Gray's name would be presented to the trustees on Feb. 6 was not a surprise. Much of the recent speculation had centered upon the quiet, modest, Tex. Tex. who has distinguished his family name and his native state in several official capacities.

It was with any element of surprise, it was that Mr. Gray would be willing to forego a promising career in public life in order to serve his state in a less spectacular, though equally important, manner. His many friends had hoped that he would seek the governorship of North Carolina a few years hence, and perhaps go on to the Senate or some other high administrative or diplomatic assignment.

His whole life has been marked by this willingness to forego certain reward in order to strive for what he considered to be more important objectives.

THE CHILDREN NEED HELP

Statistics, in excess, sometimes serve to lessen the appeal of a cause worthy of consideration; but they do help to make it easier for the public to grasp the nature of a problem.

- 1) There are approximately 85,000 mentally and physically handicapped children in North Carolina. This means that about ten or twelve per cent of our children need specialized schooling; 2,000 of them need institutional care.
- 2) Nearly one-third of the so-called "juvenile delinquents" in North Carolina are five correctional institutions are mentally deficient.
- 3) The fact that there are 85,000 handicapped children who need special training means that if the State is to fulfill its responsibility to provide satisfactory educational training for all the children of North Carolina a new, intensive program of instruction must be planned for the "exceptional children."
- 4) The fact that one-third of our "juvenile delinquents" are mentally deficient means that we could lessen the burden on the State, make great strides in the solution of an important social problem and bring a

THE MAN WHO LIKED WEATHER

There is a man we know who would rather miss a meal than a weather report—a man who rises each morning at 6:30 for the purpose of finding out whether it rained in Seattle last night, how much it rained, whether the whiffs and arrows on a weather map than the curves in a decade's supply of Zephyr calendars.

Mr. Gray's record as Secretary is the brightest spot in an otherwise dark picture of haggling and hostility in the armed services. His quiet dignity, his honesty and integrity, and his tremendous capacity for work have stamped him as an unusually competent administrator, and have earned for him the respect of Congressmen and military men alike.

LAST APRIL, when the search for a successor for Dr. Frank P. Graham was just getting under way, *THE NEWS* outlined in these columns a "Blueprint for a President." There was no thought to arrange the qualifications in order of importance, nor to make the list all-inconclusive. Said *The News*:

1. He must be a man of learning... not necessarily a scholar or even a professional educator, but certainly a man whose learning is such that he would have the proper respect for scholastic endeavor and in turn command the respect of faculty, students, and other educational leaders.
2. He must be a good executive in the broad sense, capable of seeing the big picture, and capable of planning, organizing, and inspiring loyal service, but willing to make bold decisions on his own initiative without undue delay.
3. He must be a combined diplomat-politician in order that he be able to bridge the three branches of the University, with the faculty and students, with the general public, and so that he will be able to extract from the Legislature such funds as may be necessary to support his work. At the same time, he must act as a buffer between politics and the University, and be able to become an instrument of any political group.
4. He must be a firm believer in academic freedom, with respect to the freedom of all thought, and with sufficient courage to stand ground in the face of any attack from those who would limit or destroy this very basic American principle.
5. He should be a student of the South—a Southerner by birth, preferably—but not necessarily a native of the South. He should know the South thoroughly: its mentality, its economy, its history, its problems, its virtues. Yet he should be a student of the whole of the South in respect to the whole.
6. He must be a man of high moral and mental vigor—young in years, if possible, so that the State may expect long years of service to it.
7. He must be a humanitarian, devoted to the welfare of all the people, and willing to sacrifice for the benefit of his fellow men.
8. He must be a man with a strong Christian code of ethics.

We can say with complete honesty that Mr. Gray meets every one of those qualifications, and we are gratified, as the people of North Carolina are gratified, that he has been selected by the committee.

greater degree of health and happiness to thousands of children as we establish an intelligent educational program for handicapped children.

Dr. Ellen Winston, commissioner of the State Board of Welfare, said Saturday that the mentally deficient children now in the State's correctional institutions could have been helped greatly and kept out of much trouble if their cases had been diagnosed as mental deficiency and proper educational methods had been used.

The problems in helping these children to better lives are great; but the need is equally great.

Now the State shall provide new classrooms in a time when classrooms are not sufficient even for standard training; how the State shall secure especially-trained teachers when it is impossible to hire them; and how the State shall provide for such necessities as transportation, the equitable distribution of classes to provide for students in rural areas, the purchase of essential supplies and transportation aids—these are all major questions.

They can be solved only if a thorough survey of needs and procedures is made by competent specialists and a complete, detailed program calling for sizable appropriations is laid before the Legislature when it convenes in 1950.

ture will go below zero in Knoxville tomorrow morning and he knows the expected velocity of the wind from Cape Hatteras to Jacksonville.

There is a single chink in his armor, however. One blind spot in his field of vision: When the temperature drops to fifteen degrees in his home town, does he cut off his water before the pipes burst? He does not.

When rain comes down like Old Faithful upended, does he have his raincoat at the office? He does not.

When hail peppers the earth has he covered the new journal? He has not.

But if you want to know whether it will rain tomorrow in Bolivar, Tennessee—ask him.

He is a product of the twentieth century, a soul caught up in the concept of the shrinking earth.

They say that plenty of exercise kills germs. But the trouble lies in getting the damaged germs to exercise.—Lester (Mo.) Denton.

We can think of a lot worse things than Kentucky-losing a Congressman by the next census.—Elizabeth (Ky.) News.

'Hold It, Fellows. Better Put In Revolving Doors'



WHATEVER AGONY it may be causing to the Russians, it is now the fact that Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. looks like a man who is walking out of the door of the U.N. Building. At the age of 36, he is a perfectly serious candidate for the office of Secretary of State. With a perfectly serious chance to win in 1952, he is the only Democrat in the two leading candidates for the Democratic nomination, the other being Democrat Hubert H. Humphrey and Democrat Paul Fitzpatrick of Buffalo.

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People's Platform

Women Could Do Better At City Hall

CHARLOTTE. I THINK it's about time the women of this fair city of Charlotte take charge of the management of the city finances, and government, too, for that matter. It certainly is a shocking thing to find that our City and County fathers think it is time to revolve the city in the hands of a few men. With all that revenue from the ABC stores, parking meters, present taxes on businesses, real and personal property, for one would like to know what is going on down at City Hall in the way of spending the money we already take.

It is either time for us to take my little and move down to York, South Carolina, or to get on the receiving end in an awful, rather than on the taxpayer end of all this.

Come on Gals, wake up and let these so-called men know how you feel about them taking the oat ragged blouse off your backs.

—(MRS.) JOYE TURNER.

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BOWLING GREEN, S. C.

WASHOUC as Charlotte is reported as a candidate for the presidency of the proposed New Britain Theological Seminary, should not Charlotte—and all other towns and cities as candidates for the "turner" Seminary committee such questions as the following, as being of first and of high importance:

Draw Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

A SECRET meeting with General Bradley recently, Atomic Energy Chairman Lillenthal made a last-ditch, emotional plea against the hydrogen bomb. He said that the world should be catching an agreement with Russia to outlaw atomic warfare before we make it. He said he would support any agreement that would outlaw the atomic bomb. They will force Stalin to come to terms.

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It Begins To Appear That 'Junior Is Going Places'

By JOSEPH & STEWART ALSP

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The Saddest Words: Vacation Is Over, Come Back To Work

By ROBERT C. RUARK

STYDEN, Australia. I AM a most home-broke today, because I have just returned from a vacation. I wish my wife and I could go back to work. I wish my wife and I could go back to work. I wish my wife and I could go back to work.

Jimmy Byrnes

ST. PAULS, N. C.

Editors, *The News*:

POLITICS at best, is and has always been incurable, without either rhyme or reason. But it seems that politicians of the New Deal persuasion are not only past all understanding but can change their spots at will.

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Scientists Crusade Against H-Bombs

Lillenthal's resignation from the Atomic Commission and the hydrogen-bomb argument is championed by a moderate and 22 million American bankers, Lewis Strauss. He shuns publicity and his views can be given only because fellow commissioners are shocked by his attitude.

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