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Here is what the good, gray, august Times had to say about President Gray: "Mr. Truman likes to hand young (42), sandy-haired Gordon Gray special problems. When Gray quit as secretary of the army to be president of the University of North Carolina, he couldn't leave until he had drawn up a foreign aid program to succeed the Marshall Plan. He was a university head little more than a year, when, a few days ago, he was summoned to preside over a board which will call the tunes to be played by the state department foreign information service and defense department's psychological warfare.

"Gray's ambition to make good was stimulated not by adversity but by wealth. Heir to his father's Winston-Salem tobacco fortune, he worked all the harder because he didn't have to work. He led his class at North Carolina. His Yale Law School record brought a job with a Wall Street law firm. Rejecting a World War II navy commission, he started as a buck private and wound up a captain in G-2 of Omar Bradley's army group. Bradley spoke to him once. "Feel free," he said at a headquarters dance, "to cut in on any of these generals. Don't be awed by rank." Gray wasn't. He cut in on Bradley."

Home — Congressman Thurmond D. Chatham, who said a few days ago he wanted to stay in Washington as long as the people in his district wanted him, has purchased Prospect House (built in 1788) just out of Washington for \$187,000.

This was the way he had of answering those who have been rumoring and wishfully thinking that he might run for governor. Thurmond and his beautiful and personable young wife will move in their home the latter part of this month.

Please Note — Some Raleigh people didn't take too kindly to the recent dig of Life Magazine when it ran gobs of material on Charlotte's new debutante ball under the heading: "Raleigh papers please copy."

The Raleigh Times had a stinging editorial last week chiding Life for trying to set up the Raleigh event and the Charlotte ball as rivals, etc. Meantime, leaders of the debutante ball held here annually are laying plans for this year's shebang to be held within a few weeks.

MRS. DAWTIN HERE

Mrs. W. R. Dawtin of Charlotte is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Betty Wrenn, for an indefinite time.

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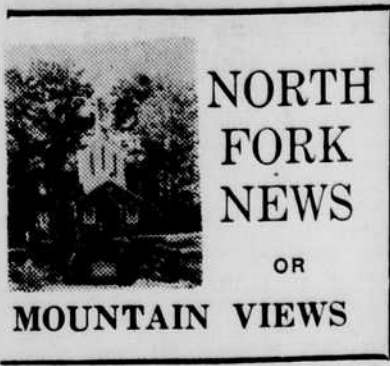
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By Oden Walker

A friend of ours gave us an unusual picture of the Mountain View church recently. It is taken from a different angle from any that we have ever seen, the Craggies in the background are snow-covered and are good to look at these hot days. There is real artistry in this picture. It is on heavy paper that will lay flat, and is 11 by 14 inches and suitable for framing, as everyone knows this church will be moved from its present site soon, and we believe that folks that have known it and loved it as it now stands would like a copy of this picture—if so, just contact this reporter and we will have as many copies made as is wanted.

Mrs. Margaret Horne of New Jersey, sister of Mrs. Ben Morris, has returned from Victoria hospital where she has been a patient for a couple of weeks. She fell from a ladder while picking cherries at the home of Ben and Lucille.

Jay Ballew is working at a cab station in Black Mountain. Jay stays in the office and answers the phone.

Billie Williams got a nasty spill while riding his bicycle and hurt his arm.

The other day we saw a lady wait patiently for the green light to turn red before she drove through the traffic signal.

Emory Penland's horse got a bad cut on his neck while grazing along a barbed wire fence last week.

Woodrow Propst got his shoulder thrown out of place as he turned over in bed last Friday. Some years ago Thomas Morris, who has a knee that jumps out of place, happened to a like accident in the bed. All this leads us to wonder just what kind of calisthenics these gentlemen indulge in while taking their repose.

Folks who come from other places to our valley to escape the heat put on shorts and sit in the sunshine—People are funny.

We note that Lee Morris has started to rebuild his house which burned recently.

Ben Morris has been trying out some new milkers in his dairy, and one of his cows objected so violently to these experiments that she kicked Ben almost out of the barn. The cow thought that she had won dictatorship of the stables, but she didn't reckon with the subtlety of the mountain farmer, who will not submit docilely to such treatment. Next day when Ben and Thomas Morris loaded her in a truck the cow probably thought that they were going to take her for a pleasant drive through the country as befitting royalty, but alas, she is now in the cooler, and we don't mean a jail, but one of the packing house coolers in Asheville.

The Witherspoons and McIntoshes drove around the Blue Ridge Parkway last week. John Witherspoon agrees with us that our mountains are now like a beautiful and famous body lying in state, while thousands of curious people who never knew the living person file by and view the remains. No one really appreciates the mountains except the mountaineers, and we include all the dear hearts that have come and gone native among these. Most of the others go just to say they have been there, or to buy trinkets to prove they have been there, or to see if their new car will make the grade without burning up. In their minds they are wondering if the hired man is taking care of the stock at home, or if their business is running smoothly. Now we are not knocking these folks, for if we was set down in a flat country we would be just as anxious to get back.

Gordon and Ruth Lunsford spent last week end with Buster Cook and family near Hickory. Mrs. Cook is Gordon's sister.

Dale Hooper will be the principal of the Mountain View Bible school which will begin July 23. The baptizing will be on the last Sunday of July immediately after church services.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jim Isley and a friend, and Clyde Gray and family were back at services with us last Sunday morning. If they come one more time they will be counted home folks. Lee Morris and Joe Pressley and family were visitors also. And then, Earl and Lucy Johnson and small son were with us. We worked with Earl last summer and found him a most pleasant person to work with.

Minnie and this reporter visited the Rev. Eugene Byrd and family Sunday afternoon, and lingered on for supper and a long time afterwards. We showed the children how to make whistles from pumpkin vines, and we blew and blew until our jaws were sore. Judy and Bobbie also gave us a private

piano recital, and we sang and talked and had a wonderful time.

We would like to give three lusty cheers, and a couple of hall-elujahs for all the lovely and wonderful folk that furnish the material for this column. They are the salt of the earth, and we do appreciate them.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor and children, Connie, Budso and Pamela, are leaving this Wednesday for Columbus, Ohio, for a two weeks' visit with Charles' aunt, Mrs. Jack Shatts.

MONTH AT CAMP

Mary Catherine Woodcock returned Tuesday from a month's stay at Camp Glen Arden, Arden.

VISITING REEDS

Mrs. Maude Mochino of Miami is visiting her son-in-law and daughter and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reed Jr., and "Coot" for an indefinite period.

DALE WRENN HOME

Dale Wrenn has returned home after a month's visit with her aunt, Mrs. T. H. Grimes and family in Siler City.

WITH THE SICK

W. C. Greene is improving after undergoing an emergency operation at Mission hospital last week.

L. S. Covin is a patient at Mission hospital and is getting along nicely.

Jarvis Dickens has been ill at his home for the past few days.

HOME FROM VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Allison and Elaine returned Friday night from a week's vacation in Mooresville and Troutman.

JACK RAMSEY

Pfc. Jack Ramsey Jr., of Camp Atterbury, Ind., spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Wilkie Ramsey and family.

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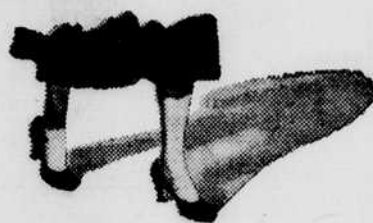
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