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TO THE LIVING SPIRIT OF AN UNPRETENTIOUS STATESMAN

Today many of the leaders of the greatest nation on earth are gathered on our campus to pay tribute to one of North Carolina's favorite sons. O. Max Gardner, the son of a local country doctor, rose from those unpretentious surroundings to become a leading and unpretentious statesman. Upon his death, his diplomatic and business responsibilities passed to others. The most important possession he had, however, the sincere love of the people near his home and elsewhere, was only strengthened.

Ambassador Gardner was throughout his career a vigorous supporter of education. He saw in education the surest way for a man to understand his purpose and to formulate for himself a better philosophy of life. He was never too busy to show a vivid interest in the affairs of the college that bears his name.

Today we have gathered to dedicate the O. Max Gardner Memorial as a fitting living tribute to a man whose heart was so near to this college. The building of a memorial to Max Gardner, however, began almost 70 years ago. He built it with deeds of kindness and genuine sympathy for other; throughout his life. In doing for others, he built for himself the greatest memorial any man can hope to have.

Max Gardner would be the last person to claim full credit for Gardner-Webb's remarkable progress in the last few years. Still, no honest person can deny the fact that he was the leader and challenger in the forward march to this day.

His spirit takes the form of the ideals of conduct and efforts for achievement that are practiced on this campus. Long after this beautiful man-made edifice of memorial has crumbled into dust, the ideals for which O. Max Gardner dedicated his life will continue to grow, for such ideals are the very breath of man's happiest reach toward his Creator.—J.E.R.

TO THAT WEALTH MEASURED BY CHARACTER

To the more than a thousand visitors observing today the actions and characteristics of the student body of Gardner-Webb College, the new buildings are beautiful and impressive. Most of those who visit here today were instrumental in some way in their construction. All G-W supporters with sensitive souls and ambitious minds will feel their chests swell with pride when they see first-hand the progress that has been made at Gardner-Webb in this first half of its first Expansion Decade.

Our school's most important asset, however, regardless of its material wealth, is its student body. If the students receive here an ability to understand and accomplish a useful purpose in life, the highest goal any college can set for itself will have been reached. The thoughtful visitors here today realize that, and for that reason, they are keenly interested in observing the character displayed by the students.

A fine house within itself does not constitute a home. Neither do fine buildings alone make a good college. We stu-

Choir and Glee Club
News Of The Year

By SUE BLACK

"One of the finer things in life is music," someone once said. That saying certainly holds true on this campus in the light of two groups of which we are very proud. They are the choir, known throughout the State and directed by Prof. Stephen Morrissett, and the newly-organized glee club, sponsored often by the Gardner-Webb radio center and directed by Miss Emmalyn Gamble.

Mr. Morrissett has devoted much of his time to working with students, blending voices, and perfecting them.

The choir has made many trips in recent years. They have sung in churches in various communities. In addition, last year they sang at the State Baptist Student Union Convention at High Point, North Carolina. This year the choir visited the Kings Mountain Baptist Association at Casar and the Baptist Training Union district meeting at Forest City.

Together with the Choral Society of Shelby, the choir has sung in the two performances of Handel's "Messiah". The choir has had several other engagements, including a trip to St. John's Baptist Church in Charlotte and one trip to Elkin, North Carolina.

The seven-months-old glee club has spent much of its time learning new songs and organizing. Several of the group have made appearances in various communities singing for club meetings. A group selected from the glee club will sing at Shelby at the county-wide Home Demonstration rally.

Officers elected for this year are as follows:

President	Kenneth Archer
Vice-President	Jeanette Hughes
Secretary	Betty Blanton
Treasurer	Jesse Davis
Librarians	Joe W. Walker
	Sue Hamrick
Accompanist	Sue Black

We are looking forward to having the best choir and glee club in the state next year.

Library Soon To Get
Use Of Dixon's Books

Gardner-Webb students will soon have use of the books from the personal library of Thomas Dixon, native of Cleveland county, actor, lecturer, preacher and author. These books are rich in Civil War and Reconstruction literature, and contain many first editions.

Due to lack of shelf and catalogue space, they are as yet not ready for use. One of the biggest tasks that has been accomplished here is the cataloguing of this collection.

Another welcome addition this year are the newspapers on daily file from the six largest cities in North Carolina. These are a gift to Gardner-Webb from a friend and supporter in Winston-Salem.

Other new books have been added regularly to the library.

dents are far from perfect, for we are still in our formative years. If we are hungry, we yearn for food; in like manner, we must be eager for knowledge in order to profit most from our instruction.

Gardner-Webb is rapidly building a vast store of wealth in the form of students who finish their work here each year. That wealth is best measured by the achievements of those students. Our school's greatness depends on us as individuals moving out to become citizens in the march of time of justice, of faith, of loyalty as we have learned them and loved them at Gardner-Webb.—J.E.R.

Registrar Reports
Steady Increase

By MARION LANCASTER

The enrollment of Gardner-Webb is continuing to increase yearly. The standards of the school are higher, and admission requirements are more strict than in previous years.

In 1936, there were only 143 enrolled and only 27 graduates. This number has made an enormous increase in the past twelve years. At the present time, there are 425 students enrolled, and approximately 77 are expected to graduate.

There are various requirements that a student must meet before being accepted here. Regular students must be graduates of accredited high schools with a minimum of 15 units. The graduates of non-accredited high schools with a minimum of 15 units will be accepted by examinations. Veterans having passed certain tests will be accepted by a report of scores on tests.

Adults who are admitted equivalent to that of a high school graduate may be accepted by examination. They are accepted on the theory of 15 units will be accepted if a veteran is capable of doing college work without having finished high school, a civilian may also be capable. Also, students of mature years are admitted to classes by Dean J. O. Terrell regardless of their previous training. However, they do not receive college credit. Students who are admitted to these requirements had a great amount of influence on our being admitted to the Southern Association—an achievement everyone had waited long to receive.

Sheet Music Interests
Forest City Shop

Ray Shylte, a day student and sophomore from Forest City, North Carolina, collects sheet music as his hobby.

Ray started collecting four years ago and now has 150 pieces of sheet music which are valued at \$75 dollars.

Ray has popular, novelty, classical, and religious music in his collection. He has a favorite in every field. His favorite popular is "Stardust" by Carmichael, and his favorite novelty number is "The Storm." In the classic and religious fields, he likes "Serenade" by Schubert and "The Holy City" by Adams.

When his friends want a piece of sheet music and can't find it anywhere, they always come to Ray, for he usually has it.

Ray intends to continue his studies at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, after he finishes here.

Ran up the door and closed the stairs.

Said my shoes, took off my prayers, Turned out the bed and jumped into the light.

All because you kissed me good-night.