

### STATE HELPED BY GARDNER IN TOUR

Charlotte Newspaper Editorially  
Speaks of Shelby Man's Worth  
on Booster Trip

The following editorial, presumably by Julian Miller, appearing in the Charlotte News tells of the service rendered by O. Max Gardner in the recent Charlotte Chamber of Commerce booster tour of Florida:

The service O. Max Gardner rendered the people of North Carolina, as a whole, as a member of the delegation from the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce to Florida, last week, has been very warmly and highly appreciated by those in the party of tourists and echoes of it are being heard from over Florida.

Mr. Gardner became, by process of happy as well as natural selection, the spokesman of the Charlotte party and during the few days the tourists spent in Florida and were highly entertained in some of the principal cities of that State, he made more than 20 addresses during which he pointed out the unexcelled progress North Carolina has been making and the fine and enticing opportunities it is now offering to invest-

ors and new citizens.

Mr. Gardner's oratorical ability gained for him an audience everywhere the party stopped and, presented as the next Governor of North Carolina, he was given that additional prestige and distinction which gave his words peculiarly significant weight.

Mr. Gardner's capacities as a public speaker, his winsomeness and congeniality on the platform his ability to coax words to come freely and gracefully from their lips in the dictionary to vehicle his thought, were in notable evidence in these engagements and, coupled with the theme which he chose, namely, the fame and the glory of the Old North State, it became an occasion, indeed, when messenger and message were met in happy marriage.

Charlotte tourist have expressed themselves as elated over the impression the Shelby statesman made on this trip and not only for the fine service he performed for Charlotte, but for the whole State, for he lifted up his eyes to the hills of the State as well as laid them upon the lowlands and the Piedmont and told the fullorbed story of the opportunities now being presented to outsiders by North Carolina.

Those who want to inquire with more particularity into Mr. Gardner's service and the character of his message can find in another column on this page today the fragmentary text of his radio speech made from the Fleetwood Hotel in Miami Saturday night which, we take it, is a fair sample of the boosting he customarily did for his native State while in transit.

To Our Florida Friends.

Written for The Star.

Come up where the sun's shining,  
Where the weather is balmy and fair—  
Come up to the mountains, where no heart's are pining—  
Where you breathe God's pure, fresh air.

Where the skies are blue—  
And the people are loving and true,  
Come where the flowers bloom in the wayside, fair;  
There are flowers that bloom in the valley,  
And on the mountain top high.  
That shows a touch of his loving care.  
There are those that bloom by the river-side rare;  
Where tourists go by.

Come where the gentle breeze softly blows,  
And the scenery is lovely to behold.  
Come where the lofty mountain peaks kiss the sky  
And the setting sun sheds a halo of glory,  
Come on up to Cleveland Springs.  
By the roadside high.  
Where the water's pure as crystals flow,  
From life-giving fountains cold,  
Come on up to Carolina—  
And for the rest of your lives have a glorious time.

H. Y. BELK,

Bessemer City, R-2.

### OLD STOKER IS SICK OF THE SEA

Engine Man on Ill Fated Ship Tells  
of His Harrowing Experiences  
At Sea

Queenstown, Ireland.—The captains and the first mates and the radio officers have told their stories of how the Antiope went down, and now listen to the story of Michael Matthews.

It's from the furnace room that Michael Matthews' story comes—the furnace room that was hell and fury when the Antiope ran into the four days and nights of lunging, plunging peril.

"I'm sick of the sea," Michael Matthews told me, and the simple sentence told more than all the long

columns of cables about the rescue of the Antiope's men by the President Roosevelt.

"A Newry, North of Ireland, man I am with, Newark, New Jersey, more like home to me, and I've had the wander foot for a long time. The sea calls, and me for a ship.

"But Gawd, what a ship that Antiope was when the old sea began hammerin' us, and me down in the furnace room firin' up!

**The Ocean Pours In.**

"Half naked I was, because o' the heat o' the place, when bang—swish The water was down on us and our fires and our furnaces. A hatch had been stove in by a gaint wave and the whole Atlantic ocean seemed pourin' down on us.

"It was hell and fury down there. And when we got to the deck it was to hang there for three days and three nights and more—wet, hungry, thirsty, shiverin' like dogs, a-hopin' the Roosevelt could save us, and then stoppin' hopin' and just thinkin' that right in sight of that grand vessel we'd soon be sinkin' like rats, with our mouths filled with bitter sea water and nary a breath left even to cry out 'So long!'"

**The Miracle**

"And then when we wuz thinkin' we wuz dead men for sure and earnest, and a-lookin' to the priest Monsignor Whelan, who stayed up day and night on the Roosevelt a-tryin' to give us some comfort—just then the miracle happened and we wuz got off.

"Black as coal from oil and grit and soot and dirt of the furnace room I was.

"They fed us first. I asked for ham and eggs, and they kept a-bringin' in 'em 'till I couldn't eat no more. And whiskey. The Roosevelt's a dry boat, but the stuff came up from somewhere.

"And then I began to wash and wash, and to try to look like a white man once more.

"After I got cleaned up, people began to give me things. One gave me some underwear, another some socks, another pants, another a coat

and another a hat. They did not match, and I looked all dressed up like a Portugese admiral.

**Philadelphia Chicken.**

"They gave us a regular Christmas dinner several nights after. Man they fed us Philadelphia chicken! And I ate 'em and ate 'em 'til my ears wagged.

"And sleep? Man, do you know what a real sleep in a real warm bunk is after you haven't slept none at all for three black, wicked days and nights?

"Well, then, you don't know nothin' at all about sleep.

"Here we are back in safe waters now, thank to the Yanks, and I'm sick of the sea, I'm thinkin'.

"I'm goin' to take a good long rest as soon as the company gives me my back pay. 'Yep, I ain't takin' no chances with the sea again for a whole month or more."

If you feel that you can't support what someone has created, don't criticize—just keep still.

Every third person uses the telephone at least once every day. This includes the people who use it all day.

Onion growers are reported in a pickle due to tariff changes. They should be strong enough to go it alone.

American women use several tons of talcum powder a year, but what worries the men is the gun powder they use.

Americans prize art and music, but the man who invents something to increase our mileage will be regarded as a real benefactor.

"Sh's an awful reader" usually means that she reads a lot of awful stuff.

Nothing in this world is perfect except the way a road hog's nature fits the qualifications of a 5-ton truck.

Of course the world will work nicely. Look at the anthracite mess and that Chile-Peru affair.

Enemies aren't so bad. They don't suggest 736 ways to cure your cold. Now if Adam had eaten spinach and lost his standing, one could understand it.

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