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GARDNER, GOVERNOR
O. MAX

GARDNER MEMORIAL
BUILDING

Dedicate O. Max

PORTRAIT OF GARDNER



BENEFACTOR HONORED.—This oil portrait of the late Ambassador and N. C. Governor O. Max Gardner hangs in the Gardner Memorial Student Union building on the campus of Gardner-Webb college, Boiling Springs. It was painted by Raymond P. N. Neilson of New York and is a gift of the Gardner family.

3,000 PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE AT CEREMONIES

\$155,000 Student Union is
Opened for Inspection; Late
N. C. Statesman Paid Trib-
ute by Senator Hoey.

SHELBY, April 17.—Ap-
proximately 3,000 persons
this afternoon thronged the
campus of Gardner-Webb
college in Boiling Springs on
the occasion of the dedica-
tion of the Gardner Memori-
al Student Union building
and heard Senator Clyde R.
Hoey describe the late Am-
bassador O. Max Gardner as
a great statesman in all
walks of life but perhaps
greatest in the field of edu-
cation.

The crowd, made up of alumni
and friends of the modern, expand-
ing college and associates of Gov-
ernor Gardner, major benefactor
of that institution, inspected the
handsome 155,000 building which is
to be the hub of the new campus
and the pivot point of a number of
buildings yet to be constructed, in-
cluding the Dover Memorial Library
and a new boys' dormitory. In line
with the colonial architecture of
the new campus, a girls' dormitory
was completed some months ago.

This afternoon's program was
presented from the terrace of the
new building and got under way at
3 o'clock with the invocation by
Rev. J. L. Jenkins and two selec-
tions by the college choir. Ben C.
Fisher, executive assistant to the
president, gave the address of wel-
come followed by Mrs. O. Max
Gardner who spoke briefly infor-
mally presenting the building to the
college in her late husband's name.

MAKES RESPONSE

Dr. Wyan Washburn responded in
acceptance of the building by
trustees and President P. L. Elliott
accepted for the administration.
Expressing the appreciation of the
student body for the gift which shall
largely serve as a recreation center
for the students was John Arndt
of Mt. Holly.

Holt McPherson, managing editor
of the Shelby Daily Star, present-
ed Senator Hoey who spoke in
glowing terms of the past and anti-
cipated brilliant future of the col-
lege which was made possible by
the late Governor Gardner.

"I didn't have to be a kinsman
of Governor Gardner to know that
he was one of the greatest men
North Carolina and the nation ever
produced," said the senator, "for
there are none who do not know
that he assayed 100 per cent in the
mint of human experience."

"He understood and loved people.
He was companionable, congenial
and personable. He had a regal
mind, an imperial will and a prop-
hetic vision. His judgment and
counsel was sought alike by the
everyday man of his home town
acquaintance and by those in high
places in industry, business, poli-
tics and government.

MAN OF TALENTS.

Senator Hoey went on to state
that Governor Gardner was a man
of many talents, citing first that
he was a masterful lawyer and en-
joyed undertaking that which oth-
ers considered impossible. In point
of this statement he mentioned the
Ackland will case through which
the University of North Carolina
received a legacy of one and one-
half million dollars which the
courts had previously awarded to
another institution.

"He was pre-eminently a states-
man," declared Senator Hoey, "and
approached all of life's problems
from a statesman's point of view.
He was a statesman of law, a states-

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