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## DEATH OF MRS. O. MAX GARDNER SADDENS CAMPUS COMMUNITY — LEADERS PRAISE HER WORK

### Dr. Poston Pledges To Continue To Build Institution Which Will Bring Honor To College's Namesakes

Dr. Eugene Poston, speaking at the funeral of Mrs. Gardner, said, "She had the unusual ability to put first things first in religious life, government, community and civic service. Service to her fellowmen was always first with her and this is the essence of Christianity. As President of Gardner-Webb College, I can assure you we dedicate ourselves to building an institution that will honor the name of Gardner and Mrs. O. Max Gardner."

In a newspaper quote, Dr. Poston said, "Personally she was one of the finest Christian spirits I have ever met. She helped and encouraged me greatly through the years."

Scripture read at the funeral was Proverbs 31: 30-31.

### In 1943

### COLLEGE WAS NAMED IN HONOR OF GARDNER-WEBB FAMILIES

Mrs. O. Max Gardner, Sr., 83, wife of the late O. Max Gardner, governor of North Carolina (1929-32) and one of the staunchest supporters of Gardner-Webb College for decades died at 2 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 16.

Mrs. Gardner suffered a stroke on Jan. 11 and was hospitalized in Charlotte until the time of her death. She was born Sept. 7, 1885, in Shelby and was the daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. James L. Webb.



MRS. O. MAX, GARDNER

It was, in a great way, through the work of the Gardner and Webb families that the Boiling Springs Junior College began the progress which has led it to today's outstanding position. The school was named in honor of the two families in July of 1947.

The O. Max Gardner Fine Arts Center, the James Webb Auditorium (Decker) Hall, the new home for the President, and the Webb Administration Building stand as monuments to the vital work done by these families in the progress of the college.

Mrs. Gardner and her sons continued support of the college after the death of Mr. Gardner and her work on the Board of Trustees encompassed the entire sphere of work at the school.

Funeral services were held Jan. 17 in the First Baptist Church of Shelby with Dr. E. Eugene Poston and Rev. Roland Lesh officiating assisted by Rev. Marion Dabone. [Mr. Baral] was in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby and memorials, at the family's request, went to Gardner-Webb College.

Mrs. Gardner was a graduate with honors from the Lucy Cobb school for girls in Athens, Ga. She traveled widely before and after her marriage, having gone abroad four times and toured most of the United States.

When her husband was governor, she was considered a charming "First Lady" and also entitled "Citizen-at-large". She was a benefactor of many charitable, cultural, religious and educational institutions and agencies. Her interests in North Carolina have encompassed the state.

Her husband was in the Trevelan Little Cabinet as under secretary of the treasury and was appointed Ambassador to Great Britain by President Harry Truman.

Mrs. Gardner was a popular member of Washington society. She was a life member of the Woman's National Democratic Club, being one of four honorary vice presidents. She also belonged to the Colonial Dames of America, Washington Chapter, the 1925 F. Street Club, and was a life member of the Y.W.C.A. there.

Mrs. Gardner was a sister-in-law of the late Sen. Clyde R. Hay and a niece of the late federal judge E. Yates Webb.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Lee Rogers, of Milledgeville, N. J., and her son, Ralph Webb Gardner, Her son, James Webb Gardner, died Jan. 19, 1946, and O. Max Gardner, Jr., who died Nov. 10, 1961. She also leaves six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

### Other Leaders Comment

DAVID E. GILLESPIE: "Mrs. Gardner knew what life — and death are all about, and her storehouse of memories was full. She got much out of living because she put much into it. She not only left a positive imprint on the people and institutions surviving with the Gardner and Webb names, but on her beloved North Carolina."

ROBERT W. SCOTT, governor of North Carolina: "I express my deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. O. Max Gardner. She was a good lady all her life. She played an active role in the public life of North Carolina and was a great asset to its distinguished career of her husband. North Carolina has lost one of its finest citizens."

R. PATRICK SPANGLER, chairman of the Gardner-Webb board of trustees: "North Carolina has lost one of her most distinguished citizens. Her impact was felt in Christian education, the political life of her state and nation and her many philanthropic acts. I think she will be missed most by her many friends of all classes. She had a warmth that few people ever possess."



**SOCIAL EVENTS** — at the campus were usually greeted by her presence. Here she is in a receiving line talking with Thomas J. McGraw, vice-president of the college.



**LONG RANGE PLANNING** — gave Mrs. Gardner pleasure as she worked to help make the dreams come true. She is shown here with J. L. Seattle, Jr., of Shelby as they study the future campus layout.



**GARDNER SUPPORT** — has meant much to the college. Left to right: Mrs. O. Max Gardner, [unclear], Mrs. Ralph Gardner, Mr. Ralph Gardner, Mrs. O. Max Gardner, Sr., Mrs. Eugene Poston and Dr. Poston.

## WITH THE ALUMNI

Rev. Randolph M. Harnsey '46, pastor of Unity Church, Thorton-Randall Association, has been called as pastor by the Greater Church in the Blue Ridge Association.

Ray, Dwight S. Watts '51 has been called as pastor of Louisville Baptist Church, Louisville. His work began on January 1, 1964 after having been pastor of High Peak Baptist Church at Valdosta for more than two years.

John B. Johnson Jr. '53 has been named vice president in charge of group insurance for Liberty Life Insurance Company, Greenville, S. C. He has formerly been associated with an Alabama insurance company as director of group sales.

Rev. Bob Evans '54, pastor of Orchard Avenue Church, Newport News, Virginia, preached the ordination service for his father, Roy Evans. Mr. Roy Evans has been called as pastor of Rockhill Church in Berry Association.

Rev. & Mrs. Mike Ledbetter '55 are now in Guadalajara, Mexico where they are "Itinerant" for a group of college girls. Mike has begun his work with the hospital there.

W. H. Hudson '50, who has been administrator of the Dover County Hospital for the past two years, will become the administrator at Lexington Memorial Hospital effective January 1, 1964.

Harold Plemmons '58 of Wilkesboro is division manager over the Wilkes Grove Company in Wilkesboro and Wilkes Mills of North Wilkesboro. He and his wife, the former Lina Harnsey, reside in the Oakwoods Community, North Wilkesboro.

Dr. Kenneth Maddox, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of Delaware, has announced the appointment of Mr. Tim Penick '59, as State Supervisor of Office and Distributive Education. The Distributive and Office Education programs offer training for students interested in careers in retail, wholesale, and office related occupations. He and his wife live in Dover, Delaware.

Rev. & Mrs. Fred High (Loren Upchurch) '60 '61G have recently joined the South Methodist Street Church, Gastonia as associate pastor and member of music. Mrs. High has before this served as director of the Dallas Baptist Church kindergartens, has taught piano and also directed the Chapel Grove Adult Choir.

Robert Redding '53 has recently taken the post as a new instructor at the N. C. Textile Vocational School, Belmont, in the knitting department. He lives in Beaseter City. Sergeant Gary W. J. Scullion '55 has been nominated for being the Third Air Division man the U. S. Air Force Association Unit Award. As an administrative specialist, he will work the distributive service ribbon as a permanent decoration.

Gary Plemmons '56 has recently joined the newspapering staff of the Gastonia Gazette, Gastonia. Before joining the staff he worked in the news bureau of Winston College and before that he was news for the Shelby Daily Star, Shelby. While working with the Star he won the N. C. Press Association's annual photography award. B. C. Ross Jr. '57 has recently been ordained to the gospel ministry on November 3, 1964 by the South Side Church in Lenoir.

Aurora Williams M. Griffin '59 has graduated recently from a U. S. Air Force technical school at Sheppard AFB, Texas. He will remain at Sheppard for further training.

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## MARRIAGES

Patricia Ann Jones to Ronald Dale Hooper, both of Elkin, on December 15. Mr. Hooper is the assistant basketball coach and also coordinator to men at Gardner-Webb College.

Kathryn Stewart Allen '62 of Shelby to Ellis Paschall Monroe of Johnson City, Tennessee on November 23.

Bessie Faye Hart '63 of Gastonia to John Morton Shapperson of Columbus, Arkansas on December 21.

Joyce Ann Martin '64G of Rutherfordton to Dewey Elmo McLin II of Nineveh, Indiana on November 23.

Patricia Ann Wilson '64G to Otha Ray McSwain '62, both of Shelby, on December 4.

Barbara Sue Bridges '67 of Bolling Springs to Robert Nelson Ledbetter of Mooreboro on December 14.

Margaret Ann Hamrick '67 of Mooreboro to Helen Nelson Edwards Jr. '67 of Shelby on December 15.

Martha Elizabeth Keller to John Morgan Hay III '67, both of Hickory, on November 24.

Susan Anne McNeely '67 to Henry Howell Green, both of Shelby, on November 24.

Virginia Mae Perks to Clifford Elzie Campbell Jr. '67, both of Greensboro, on December 1.

Linda Gayle Johnson to Steven Michael Sumner '67, both of High Point, on November 1.

Debra Faye Lee of Greensboro to Samuel James Wall '67 of High Point on November 9.

Ronda Anne Walsh '67 to Terry Lee Price, both of Asheville, on November 16.

Teddy Elizabeth Bradley '68 to Paul Vaughn Gray, both of Forest City, on November 2.

Janice Haynes Bridges '68 to Deklan Wallace Shelby, both of Charlotte, on October 18.

Sandra Kay Caswell of Galax, Virginia to William Gosson Carter '68 of Mount Airy on December 1.

La Deonna Jean Wellmon to Billy Eugene Hastings '68, both of Shelby, on December 21.

Linda Ruth Johnson '68 to Thomas Ray Horlacher '68, both of Winston-Salem, on November 25.

Brenda Diane Franklin of Hickory to Allen Cecil Richards '68 of Shelby on November 10.

Neva Cate Shipley '68 to Charles Edward Myers, both of Winston-Salem, on December 19.

Mary Elizabeth Shipley '69 to Clyde Lyndell Hinson, both of Asheville, on November 2.

Berlinda Gail Self '69 of Bolling Springs to Paul Vincent Mowery '68 of Shelby on November 25.

Phyllis Ann Treppepugh '69G to Boyd Leroy McIntosh, both of Charlotte, on December 22.

Janice Marie Gresh '70 to Charles Susan Cole, both of Shelby, on November 9.

Gail Marie Johnson '70 of Hickory to Walter M. Crawford of Newton on October 23.

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Mattie Monroe Camp (sister of Alumni Association president Oen T. Camp '67G) of Elkin, passed away September 22.

William H. Gold '18 of Roanoke, S. C., passed away recently at his home.

Mr. C. Cose Cade '24G of Shelby, died July 29.

Mr. R. Humphries '32 of Roanoke 2, Georgia, S. C., passed away on July 3.

Mrs. Goldie Owens (Goldie Olson) '39G of Kings Mountain died August 20.

Mr. Matthew Yates Spurling '47 of Charlotte, passed away on November 11.

Mr. William B. Lugin '58 of Myrtle Beach, S. C., passed away on December 14.

Pfc. Charles Edward Russell III '66 of Graham, died while serving with the U. S. Army in Vietnam on December 11.

## All Region 10 Honors Earned; Partial 1969 Schedule Released

David Gibbons, half back from Charlotte, N. C., and Richard Peeler, tackle from Ashburn, Va., were named to the All Region 10 football team. Honorable mention went to starting fullback, Ted Luckadoo of Swannanoa, N. C., and middle guard, Ray Miller of Great, South Carolina.

These four will hopefully form a nucleus around which Coach Norman Harris will build a senior college football program.

The schedule, so late for the buildup in the 1969 grid was is as follows:

Newbury at GW, Sept. 20. Guilford at Guilford on Oct. 4. Newport News at preservice School at GW on Oct. 11. Mary Hill at Mary Hill, November 1.

## BIRTHS

Mr. & Mrs. Charles F. Allison (Deephaze Ridd) '59G of 2262 Richland Avenue, Gastonia, N. C., a son, Charles Forest Allison Jr., November 5.

Mr. & Mrs. Gene E. McKibben (Carol Jackson) '62 of Woodport, New York, a daughter, Barbara Ann McKibben, November 6.

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry L. Parnish '63G of Evansville, Illinois, a daughter, Wendy Carol Parnish, November 8.

Mr. & Mrs. Mickey Church (Sandra Church) '66 of Route 2, Shelby, N. C., a son, Allen Mickey Church Jr., November 27.

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It yet remains to be seen just how large our web will grow, but as much as we know, once you've woven it, we never let you go. This is the spirit of Gardner-Webb.

## College Serves Denominational Needs

Gardner-Webb College is serving Baptists. The educational junior college, now on the brink of becoming a four year school, has over 100 students studying for some phase of fulltime Christian work.

While the majority of the 1,300 students are not attending fulltime Christian service, it is felt by the college administration that the philosophy of the school is helping develop many of these into strong leaders with an insight into the problems faced by the modern church.

Areas of service listed among the 1,300 are the ministry of music, religious education, deacons, church secretaries, youth directors, foreign missions, home missions and teaching in the area of Bible and religion.

While all of these students are studying for future service, they are also taking part in a planned program of study and activities which is designed to upgrade their regular studies. The Ministerial Association, the Baptist Student Union, the Young Woman's Auxiliary, and the Fellowship of Christians United in Service are organizations which help put them into the extra work by these students.

A preaching clinic is held for ministerial students who will be going to area churches to fill pulpits. All services are held each month in Shelby, and during the first semester of this school year there were 31 pulpits filled by GW students in addition to the 11 churches who have GW students as fulltime workers.

The Student Prayer Service on Wednesday evenings attracts an average of 80 students and always popular are the Morning Watch services held twice a week and a Prayer Breakfast held Thursdays.

Through the cooperation of area radio stations, students have an opportunity to do 10 minute worship programs and learn the value of broadcast and taping methods.

All of this coupled with lectures on marriage counseling, hospital visitation, Baptism and other areas where a practical approach is needed for training, help give the college a well rounded approach to the training of future Christian leaders.

Rev. Charles (Buddy) Freeman, college minister, is referring some of the present approaches to fulltime Christian work states that there are plans for considerable expansion in these areas; some of which will be announced in the future.

## FIRST ANNUAL FUND INVITES YOUR HELP

The vast majority of Gardner-Webb's alumni haven't as yet taken advantage of the opportunity to help the cause of Christian higher education at a time when help is most desperately needed.

Our first Annual Fund has a record of slow but steady progress. These things are slow because the average alumnus just doesn't know how urgently he should make his support. He doesn't realize the value of the combined gifts of the alumni to an institution. If each of Gardner-Webb's alumnus gave \$10 per year toward her support, that would give her about \$70,000 annually to provide that margin of excellence that adds quality and greater service to our young men and women—that magic thing that you catch in the campus spirit and you see in the progress of the program and plants.

As Gardner-Webb grows into a four-year institution, these things will be needed for her to maintain her status and Southern Association accreditation and to compete with the well established four-year colleges. That needed margin of excellence could well be provided by the loyalty and support of her alumni. Would You Not to take part in the first annual fund? Take a moment to fill in the coupon below. (This is tax deductible).

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## Victor II Is New Mascot; Victor I Dies Unexpectedly



Victor I is Shown with Victor II

Victor, mascot of the Gardner-Webb College Bulldogs for nine years, died Jan. 5. The huge Bulldog which had been cared for by Bud McSwain, postmaster at Belling Springs, for many years resigned over a dramatic period of the College's growing athletic program.

During the same years, Victor saw two Region 10 football titles, four Western Carolina Junior College football titles, three Western Carolina Conference basketball titles, a Region 10 basketball title, three WCCO basketball titles, and two conference play titles.

Ironically, his death comes at a time when the college is making a transition from junior to senior college athletics. His son, Victor II, will now take over the position. He also is being cared for by McSwain who does this as a service to G-W and its athletic progress.

## Bulldogs Advance In National Poll

Gardner-Webb College's basketball team is ranked eighth in the nation after coming through the first half of a rugged schedule with a 10-4 mark.

The Bulldogs have won in four games with Atlantic Coast Conference brethren anti; defeated Delk of Georgia, Brandywine of Delaware, Miami State of Florida, and Abraham Baldwin of Ga. in interregional clashes and remain unbeaten in Region 10 play. The lane defeat was a startling 134-109 upset at Fort Pierce, Fla., by Indian River Junior College.

Remainder games in February:  
Feb. 4 Gaston ..... Three  
Feb. 7 Anderson ..... Three  
Feb. 11 Lees-McRae ..... Three  
Feb. 13 Kennesaw ..... Home  
Feb. 15 North Greenville ..... Home  
Feb. 17 Greenville ..... Home  
Feb. 20 Western ..... Home  
Feb. 22 Wake Forest ..... Three  
Feb. 25-26 March 1

Conference Tour, Forest City

## Alumni Chapter Meetings

**Spartanburg Chapter** — Belden Cafeteria, Pinewood Shopping Center Monday, February 1, 7:00 p.m.

**Asheville Chapter** — Belden Cafeteria, Westgate Shopping Center, Monday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.

**Southeast Rutherford Chapter** — James Barbecue, Carolina, Thursday, Mar. 6, 7:00 p.m.

## Spring Semester Registration

### Completed Jan. 17

Gardner-Webb students returned from a long holiday vacation Jan. 15 to begin registration and orientation for the Spring term.

Over 1,200 students will be in classes during the term which runs until May 15, the date of commencement exercises. Spring holidays will be during the week of March 17.

This will be the final semester of the college's history as a junior college. Next fall the junior year will begin in the first move to ward putting the final two years into the curriculum.

## Schedule Changed

Page three was scheduled to be a picture page about the lovely new home for the president of the college. However, due to space limitations in this edition, the page had to be cancelled until the next edition.

An open house is slated Feb. 3 for Trustees of the college and other friends.

The house was given last year to the college by the Gardner-Webb Foundation in honor of Mrs. O. M. Gordon, Sr.

## MORE CLASS AGENTS NEEDED

A class agent is the person who collects the news about the members of his class and twice a year forwards it to the Web for publication.

If you are willing to serve as a class agent and your class does not have one listed below, please communicate with the Alumni Office so you can be established as the representative for your class. It's an excellent way to keep in touch with your former classmates.

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1947—Mrs. Julia Price Hewington, 2900 Carolina Avenue, N.E., Albuquerque, N. M. 87110.

1948—Mr. Jack Edwards, 2 Round Oak Road, Asheville, N. C. 28804.

1950—Dr. Bob Paterson, Department of Religion, Baylor University, Waco, Texas 76795.

1952—Mrs. Jonelle Teague Jett, 433 Plantation Drive, Monroe, Georgia 30655.

1955—Mrs. Rebecca Luffman Calloway, Governor Marchand School, 301 Ada Avenue, Raleigh, N. C. 27606

1954—Mrs. Nola Hester Thomas, 11 Slane Drive, Framingham, Massachusetts 01701

1955—Mrs. Victoria Plaster Whitlock, 9551 Longwood Road, Norfolk, Virginia 23508

1956—Mrs. Mildred Patricia Dixon, 804 Maryland Street, Big Lake, Texas 76352

1957—Mrs. Bertha Egswell Daffinger, Box 822, Drexel, N. C. 28636

1958—Mrs. Grace Ellis Calhoun, 818 Clearwater Drive, Marietta, Georgia 30060

1959—Miss Elizabeth Seathorn, 5613 Oak Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919

1960—Mrs. Joyce Philbeck McKinney, Route 3, Box 488, Shelby, N. C. 28150

1962—Mrs. Susan Madeline Norrell, 3831 Woodmont Lane, Nashville, Tennessee 37215

1963—Mr. Mike Fenton, Route 2, Home Sho, N. C. 28742

1964—Mrs. Dufay Fay McSwain, (Ann Wilson), Route 4, Shelby, N. C. 28150 THIS IS A NEW ADDRESS.

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It's a male's world—or is it?—at Gardner-Webb College where 875 men attend classes with 145 female students. 940 of the 1,328 students are boarding students while 356 commute to classes.

## WITH THE ALUMNI

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Philip Carl Waelik '67, who is a senior student at Appalachian State University, Boone, has been listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities". At Appalachian, Mr. Waelik serves as business manager of the Appalachian, the student newspaper, and as president of the Photography Club.

Alirman Charles F. Miller '68 has recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas and has been assigned to Christian AFB, Illinois for training in the aircraft equipment maintenance field.

Alirman Jerry F. Morgan '68 has completed his basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas and has been assigned to the Air Force Technical Training Center at Lowry AFB, Colorado for schooling as a special electronics technician.

Ricky Richard '68 after leaving Gardner-Webb College went to Belmont Abbey College, Belmont and is now employed by Gaston County Dyeing Machine Company.

## MEET THE NEW FACULTY

### MRS. DONNA WILLIAMS HEWITT

is an instructor in the Nursing Department. She received her B.S. degree from the Univ. of South Carolina's School of Nursing and attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1965-66. During this time (1965-67) she was a head nurse at the Louisville General Hospital. She was a Charge nurse at the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Louisville. Mrs. Hewitt is the wife of Dr. Thomas Herman Hewitt, a member of the GW faculty and they have one son, Thomas Farnam, Jr., two.

### MRS. DOROTHY KNOWLING HENSON

is a graduate of Indiana University with an A.B. in Russian. She completed her M.A. work in Slavic Languages and Literature at Indiana University in 1967. She is the wife of Dr. James Henson, a member of the GW faculty. Mrs. Henson is a native of Newcombs, Ind., a member of the Language Department at GW.

### MRS. LAURA W. GENTRY

teaches English and French at G.W. She is a graduate of Louisiana College, has the M.A. Degree from Duke University and has the M.F.E. Degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is a native of Guilford, S. C. and comes to GW from the Cherryville City School system. She is the widow of the late John Gentry and has three children.

