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Just Thinking

Why North Carolina is the Best

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Did you ever sing:
"I'm a Tar Heel born;
I'm a Tar Heel bred;
And when I die,
I'll be a Tar Heel dead?"

Chances are that, if you have ever sung that little chorus, you did so because you were proud of the Old North State. According to my way of thinking, Texans aren't the only people who can afford to brag about their state — and that type of bragging is a healthy species of the vanishing virtue called patriotism. For a while, permit me to brag on North Carolina.

It seems to me that a knowledge of the greatness of our state should arouse a noble feeling of loyalty. Therefore, I wish to point out just a few things that every Tar Heel should appreciate about North Carolina.

Away back in the beginning the Lord must have liked North Carolina, too. Did you ever stop to think that North Carolina affords a greater variety of natural diversity than practically any other state? From the white sands that rise at the sea level of our coastal plains to the towering rock-ribbed peaks of our mountains, North Carolina exhibits practically every type of climate and scenery.

No other state can show a coastal front of Outer Banks. No other state has a more diversified topography — coastal plains, piedmont, mountains. No other state can offer more types of scenic attractions. As a result, when we brag, it's just our way of thanking the Creator for His special goodness to us.

Among the other states North Carolina occupies a position of leadership culturally, also. The University of North Carolina was brought into existence by a charter which made it the first state-supported university in the whole United States, and our recent State Museum of Art is one of the first state-supported art museums in the United States and one of the most outstanding of art museums of any type.

Few people realize that two of the nation's best universities are in North Carolina — Carolina and Duke. Specialists in various fields come from all over the world to study at State College. In addition, numerous private colleges have helped to give North Carolina a great cultural heritage.

America has never had a truly great literary flourishing except in New England, but recently Edward Uhlan, a New York publisher, made the statement that there seems to be a literary renaissance under way in North Carolina. In

recent years North Carolina authors have turned out numerous works — good and bad — and just this past year North Carolinians wrote over 40 books. I'd say that's pretty good in proportion to our population.

While speaking of North Carolina's cultural greatness, I must mention that our state has done more with its folklore than practically any other one region of the United States. A New York critic hailed the Frank C. Brown Collection of North Carolina Folklore as one of the greatest monuments ever erected to the memory of a people.

Along with this interest in folklore has come an interest in our past. Working through our State Department of Archives and History, the state has sponsored local Historical Societies and encouraged the writing of local history. All this keeps North Carolina in the position of leadership among the states, culturally.

Then, too, North Carolina has a lot more to brag about. Here on our coast was the first English settlement in the New World; here the first child in America, of English parents, was born. Here on our historic coast occurred the first successful flight of a heavier-than-air machine-driven craft.

North Carolina was the first colony to vote for independence from England, and, as the saying goes, the first at Bethel. The first Irish potatoes — which are really Tar Heel potatoes — and the first tobacco came from our coastal plains. All these "firsts" the Tar Heel can brag about now and to future generations.

Now, if that doesn't make you proud to live in Carolina, here's something else to consider. Did you know that the largest Marine base in the United States is in North Carolina? Our tobacco markets lead all others in the United States. We have the largest towel and hosiery mills in the world and the world's largest pyrophyllite mine.

Here is located the largest granite quarry in the United States. North Carolina is America's largest producer of wooden furniture and was the largest producer of gold until 1849. And then there are a few Rebels who remember that North Carolina supplied more soldiers in the Civil War than any other Confederate state.

North Carolina has its rarities, too. The highest peak east of the Mississippi is Mt. Mitchell, and the South's last real savannah is near Burgaw. North Carolina is well known to botanists for its Venus's flytrap, and a mineral called hidradenite is found nowhere in the world except in North Carolina.

Really, it all boils down to this: North Carolina might not be the biggest state, but anybody with a grain of sense knows she's the best!



News from BETTIE

Dec. 9—The regular Christmas meeting of the Home Demonstration Club was held at the home of Mrs. Pat Gillikin. There was a good attendance including Mrs. Vera Salter and Frankie, Mrs. Ada

Simpson, Mrs. Laura Simpson, Mrs. Bertie Simpson, Mrs. Floy Garner, agent, with the most beautiful red dress everyone admired.

Also Mrs. Fay Willis and James, Mrs. Beulah Salter, Mrs. Louise Spivey, Mrs. Lucille Fike and Margaret, Mrs. Emile Gillikin, her daughter-in-law, Etta, and Etta's daughter, Debbie, and Pat Gillikin.

The Christmas Story was read by Mrs. Faye Willis. Her sons, James and Shannon Gillikin, had gone in the woods and cut a small

Christmas tree. For the meeting they had decorated it and the exchange gifts were placed under the lighted tree.

Mrs. Garner gave a talk on Christmas attitudes and our attitude on life in general. We were told to take inventory of ourselves. We may not have as much money as our neighbor but we do have the same amount of time. She said the sin of omission is greater than commission.

Pajama Party
Denni Day Gillikin had a number

of girls to a pajama party recently. Mary Harris Golden, Brenda Golden, Drexell Bryant, Rose Arthur, and Elizabeth Styron of Davis. The girls attended the basketball game before the party.

Last weekend the same girls stayed to the home of Mrs. Rosa Lawrence, Drexell's grandmother. They all had a grand time cooking and cleaning the kitchen afterwards(?)

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Middlebrooks have another little girl. Congratulations!

Children's Home Starts Campaign

The Children's Home Society of North Carolina, which has cared for over seven thousand children from this area since 1917, reported today that the annual Christmas fund drive is under way with a goal of \$35,000 to meet the budget for the next fiscal year.

Charles F. Myers Jr., of Greensboro, president of the society, urged the support of residents in areas in which there is no organized United Fund. He pointed out that residents in United Fund towns have already made their gift to the Children's Home Society when they contributed through their local United Fund.

Over 14,000 folders have been mailed to residents throughout the state telling the story of this 56-year-old agency. The society is the oldest and only voluntarily-supported agency in North Carolina licensed to handle adoptions on a statewide basis.

The society helped 472 babies and older children, their natural parents and their adoptive parents last year. Between April and Oct. 1, 1958, nearly 2,500 persons received the services of the Society.



News from CEDAR ISLAND

Dec. 9—The Rev. W. R. Hale filled his appointment at the Methodist Church Sunday night. Everyone present enjoyed his message.

Members of the Methodist Cedar Island Men's Club met with Sea Level Saturday night.

Mrs. Claude Day and son, Lester, returned to Oregon Inlet Sunday afternoon where they are floundering.

Mr. Royce Emory and Kenneth Gaskill spent the weekend home with their families.

Miss Sandra Brittingham has returned home from the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Van Horn and two boys were dinner guests of Mr. Van Horn's mother Sunday.

Mrs. Norma Boyd and children were guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Goodwin Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. John Floyd of Sea Level held services Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Free Will Baptist Church.

Mrs. Bessie Smith visited her daughter, Mrs. Winston Fulcher, Friday.

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin held services at the Primitive Baptist Church Saturday night.

Mrs. Leslie Garner spent the weekend with her husband at Lennoxville, where he is employed. Everyone is glad to hear of Mrs. Iola Goodwin improving so fast. Well, Christmas is just around the corner. We are hoping Santa will extend his blessings to everyone.

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