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## A Tribute to North Carolina

*Bruce Barton, author of "The Man Nobody Knows," has written this tribute to North Carolina for the "Parade of the States" Monday night programs of the General Motors Corporation, part of an educational plan to make the country as a whole better acquainted with the individual states—their history, scenic beauty, industries and people.*



**T**O North Carolina, the Old North State, the Tar Heel State, the state whose greatness has been achieved by her own native sons and daughters, with little aid from without . . . to North Carolina, General Motors pays its tribute.

One of the thirteen original states, she has played in many fields the heroic role of the pioneer.

On her soil was planted the first English colony in what is now the United States, and the first Anglo-Saxon child in the New World was born. Virginia Dare was the child, and her name lingers on in our

memories, though her fate is forever veiled in the mystery of the Lost Colony of Roanoke Island.

In North Carolina, on the wind-swept sand hills of Kitty Hawk, the Wright Brothers flew the first airplane.

The Old North State gave the nation Presidents Polk and Johnson, and from the same sturdy pioneer stock sprang Andrew Jackson. Her rugged mountains bred ruggedness in the character of Daniel Boone.

Those mountains have not lost either their ruggedness or their charm. Dreamily beautiful they are . . . the Blue Ridge and the Great Smokies, "the Land of the Sky," . . . covered with virgin forests, cut through with foaming rivers, peopled by hardy mountain folk who still preserve in their speech and customs the traditions of Elizabethan England.

From Mount Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Mississippi, an empire of fertile valleys and plains slopes down to the Atlantic, an empire boasting climate of splendid variety and an almost bewildering wealth of products.

Down from the mountains come the rivers and streams to be transformed into the magic of electric energy, and so to drive the wheels of hundreds of textile mills and the vast tobacco factories of Durham, Winston-Salem, and Reidsville.

Up to the mountains and to the pine forests go tourists from all over our land, to find health and refreshment and delight at Asheville and Pinehurst and many another beauty spot.

You, too, must go. You must ride along the famous modern roads of North Carolina, penetrating every corner of the state. You must visit Raleigh, the charming old capital. You must see Greensboro, where Dolly Madison and O. Henry were born; and Guilford Court House, the State University at Chapel Hill, and Duke University at Durham, so munificently endowed by the generosity of one of the state's devoted sons; and the great bays along the coast where fishermen and hunters find the sportsman's dream of happiness fulfilled.

On North Carolina's behalf General Motors extends this invitation to the people of America, knowing that a gracious friendliness has ever been the portion of those who come within her borders. Step into your car and go. Go and linger. Nowhere is the past more instructive or the present more inspiring than in the Old North State.

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