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North Carolina this morning failed in establishing another of her "firsts." She tried to be the first of the 48 states to shake hands with the New Year, but found that all of the others were there at the same time. The state has a great record as a list-header, and as we are entering upon another year it might be regarded as an appropriate time to make review of the fame already established by our state—to put these things in permanent form, that we may see what is to be added with the ending of the 1925 accomplishments. Our list of great men and great things make up a proudfest record. Some of the items in it are not so well known, even by our own people, and the list which we are submitting will undoubtedly develop surprise in home circles. Miss Mildred Lewis Rutherford, the old lady who, as a young girl, stuck a small Confederate flag in her hair and who wears the emblem, publishes the Scrap Book, a pamphlet which every month contains "valuable information about the south," and in the August number she devoted much space to summarizing of North Carolina History. There is a contribution on "North Carolina Firsts," by Mrs. P. S. Rothrock, of Carolina division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which goes in the shape of an eloquent introductory. On this New Year's day, let us make record of the many "firsts" that are to be placed to the credit of North Carolina—

North Carolina's claim, substantiated by history and facts. It has and is distinguished as follows:

The first and oldest white settlement that has been continuous in America was established in the town of Bath.

The first child of Anglo-Saxon blood borne in America was Virginia Dare, borne on Roanoke Island, N. C.

The first open resistance to the British Crown was led by Herman Husbands, in North Carolina.

The first real crash of arms against the rule of Briton, was at Moore's Creek, North Carolina.

The deciding battle of the Revolutionary war was fought at Guilford Courthouse, near Greensboro, Guilford county, North Carolina.

Andrew Jackson, hero of New Orleans, twice president of the United States, the greatest exponent of

"blood and iron," was born, educated and lived many years in North Carolina.

Andrew Johnson, president of the United States was born, raised and learned his trade as tailor in North Carolina.

George W. Julian, the biggest man of the middle west in his day, was born in North Carolina.

Joseph Guernsey Cannon, member of congress for more than 50 years, speaker of the house of representatives for many terms, and known as the "czar," was born in North Carolina.

"Blue Jeans" Williams, famous governor of Indiana, was born and raised in North Carolina.

Senator-Governor Joe Dixon, of Montana, was born and raised in North Carolina.

The University of North Carolina, Grade A, is the oldest State institution of learning established in America.

Thomas Benton ("Old Bullion") senator from Missouri, was born, raised and educated in North Carolina.

Salem Female Academy (now a full course college), is the oldest school for women, established in America, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

David Caldwell and Calvin H. Wiley, the two greatest American educators of their day, were born in North Carolina, and did most of their best work there.

The great and justly celebrated speech of Hayne, replying to Daniel Webster, was written by James Iredell, of North Carolina.

Senator Coke, brother to Octavius Coke, ex-treasurer of state of North Carolina, was born raised and educated in North Carolina.

Hoke Smith, Senator from Georgia, secretary of the interior under President Cleveland, was born, raised and educated in North Carolina.

Thomas Ruffin and Richmond M. Pearson, both of whom were—in their time—chief justice, were born and raised in North Carolina, and were jurists of national repute; their opinions ranked with the leading authorities of the whole of America.

Among the alumni of the University of North Carolina, are the names of one president of the United States (Polk); one vice president (King); seven cabinet officers (Dobbins, Thompson and Badger); eight senators (Brancer, Brown, Graham, Haywood, Mangum of North

Carolina, Nicholson of Tennessee, Benton of Missouri, and King of Alabama); and 41 members of the national house of representatives. 13 governors of North Carolina, three of Florida, two of Tennessee, one of Mississippi and one of New Mexico.

The above noted men were students of the University of North Carolina, prior to the war between the states.

Native North Carolinians have been members of the cabinet, each as secretary of the navy, to-wit: George E. Badger, James C. Dobbins, and Joseph Daniels, in addition to whom Secretary Houston, of the department of agriculture under President Wilson, was born and raised in North Carolina.

North Carolina was the only state in the union that filled every blank in the 1920 census.

The largest drug depository in the world is at Statesville, North Carolina.

The largest granite quarry, and the entire world is in North Carolina, from Candler to Hamlet, it being 40 miles square.

North Carolina ranks among the first in apple growing.

Mt. Airy, North Carolina, is the biggest cabbage center in the world, more chickens, turkeys and eggs originated in its own section, than any other town in the world.

Robeson county, North Carolina raises alone more cantaloupes than all the state of Colorado. The eastern section of the state, Maxton to Chadbourn, raises and ships more and finer strawberries and lettuce than any other like territory in the world.

North Carolina has built and is building the finest, and most complete system of hard surfaced highways in the entire United States; the state issued and sold in 1920-21 \$65,000,000 in bonds for the purpose, and is the leader of that constructive work. The counties of North Carolina have recently issued \$55,000,000 for good road construction, making a total of \$120,000,000 in road bonds for the state.

North Carolina has three big mountain ranges, the most beautiful in the world, more than 200 peaks exceeding 5000 feet, with one, Mount Mitchell, being the greatest elevation east of the Rocky Mountains.

Ashville, in the heart of these mountains, is conceded to have the most ideal climate on earth, and is the best known summer resort in

the United States; while Pinchurst, in Moore county, in the sandhill section, is the widest known winter resort in America. Among the many "playthings" Pinchurst has four 18-hole golf courses.

Scotland county, North Carolina, raises more cotton per acre than any other county in the world.

North Carolina has more cotton mills than any other state in the union and stands second in the manufacture of textiles in the United States.

Greensboro, North Carolina in the mills of the Cone company, weaves more denims, in their Proximity and White Oak mills, than are woven by any other company in the world.

The Cannon mills of Kannapolis, North Carolina, is the largest woolen manufactory and weaves more towels than any other like manufactory in the world.

The Henrietta mills, in Catawba county, North Carolina, weaves more gingham than any other gingham manufactory in the whole world.

The Haynes Hosiery mills, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, makes more knit underwear than any other like manufactory in the world.

The Edwin mills, in Durham, North Carolina, manufacture the second largest number of denims of any other manufactory in the world.

Winston-Salem, North Carolina has the largest tobacco factory in the world, and it makes more than one-half of the cigarets supplied in the whole world. The two towns, Winston-Salem and Durham, North Carolina, make more than one-half of the world's supply of smoking tobacco, Bull Durham, Duke of Durham, Prince Albert, Advertiser and Stud.

Ashboro, North Carolina, has the largest single knit hosiery mill in the world—the Acme Hosiery mill. This small town has also the largest double cane bottom chair factory in the world—the Randolph Chair company.

The largest millstone quarry of fine quality, is in Moore county, North Carolina, five miles north of Carthage, North Carolina.

The town of Wilson, North Carolina, is the largest tobacco market in the world for the sale of leaf tobacco.

Moore county, North Carolina, has the largest beds of building sands in the world.

The Champion Fibre company, at Canton, North Carolina, is the largest paper pulp manufactory in the world.

The largest, finest flavored oysters in the whole world are grown at New-

port, North Carolina, and contiguous water.

The town of Durham, North Carolina, has more wealth per capita, than any municipality of like size in the world.

At Pinchurst, North Carolina, is the largest and most valuable herd of Berkshire hogs in the world.

The state of North Carolina was first in the union to erect and operate as a state institution a hospital for the insane. It was among the first, if not the first, to erect and establish a state penitentiary; it was among the first to establish and operate, as a state institution, schools for deaf, dumb and blind.

North Carolina has now three hospitals for the insane, two for white and one for colored patients, each one noted for splendid management, effective results and beauty of site and structure, and one at Morganton, North Carolina, being one-quarter mile around its main building.

North Carolina School for Deaf and Dumb is noted in the nation for its effective work among modern lines of instruction, and its buildings at Morganton, North Carolina, are unsurpassed as a model for its purposes; the school for the Blind, in Raleigh, North Carolina, is quite as prominent for its progressive methods in all lines of modern work for and with the blind.

The municipality of Biltmore, North Carolina, is the only town in the world that uses, by requirement of law, electricity exclusively for lighting and for heating, for all and every purpose.

North Carolina raises and sells more Bermuda onions than do the Bermuda islands.

The Southern Power company, North Carolina, is the second largest (next to that at Niagara) hydro-electric exploitation in the world; this company is about to enter an enterprise in Canada, which will develop more than a million and a quarter horsepower, hydro-electrically.

James Buchanan Duke, the third richest man in the world, the inspirator and organizer of the American Tobacco company, which in wealth, influence and extent, ranks with the U. S. Steel company and the Standard Oil company, was born and raised in North Carolina, and his home is in Charlotte, North Carolina. (And he has just made a record gift of \$40,000,000 to religion and education.)

North Carolina grows, harvests and sells more medical herbs than

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