



A FIRST FOR STATE VEHICLES—Secretary of Transportation Bruce Lentz and seven other members of the N. C. Department of Transportation and Highway Safety were honored recently with awards of appreciation from the Adjutant General of North Carolina, Maj. Gen. William Buck. The group authorized and implemented the placement of bumper stickers promoting the N. C. National Guard on all departmental vehicles which number approximately 9,800 in number. Pictured are: (left to right) Bruce Lentz, secretary; Billy Rose, highway administrator; Col. Jones, Highway Patrol commander; Tom Cross, assistant secretary of transportation; Harry Long, statewide equipment engineer; Lloyd Young, equipment depot superintendent; Jack Hawke, deputy secretary of transportation. Also receiving the award, but not shown was Boyd Miller, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.



The warriors of Borneo wore armor made of fish scales. No doubt it not only protected them from blows, but warded off their enemies.

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Dear Friends:

In selecting a funeral service, the desire to show loving respect for the departed, yet to avoid later financial hardship to the survivors, these considerations will dictate a sensible choice of casket, vault and clothing. A frank discussion with the funeral director, being mindful of the position of the deceased in the community and the financial situation of those who remain, should result in a satisfactory arrangement.

County ASCS Office News

CONVENTION FOR COUNTY ASC COMMITTEE HELD

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Regular Member of each community met December 13, 1973 to fill vacancies on the county committee.

John Butler Byrum of Tyner was elected to a three year term on the county committee. Wilbert Hare was elected first alternate and Harrold Lloyd Bunch was elected second alternate. The alternates will move up to the regular county committee if a vacancy on the committee should occur.

Present members on the county committee are A. C. Griffin, Chairman and Sammy Morris, Regular Member and E. E. Boyce, Vice-Chairman.

The new members on the committee are: A. C. Griffin, Chairman, Sammy Morris, Vice-Chairman and John Butler Byrum, Regular Member. This committee will take office on January 1, 1974.

The county ASC committee is responsible for local administration of government farm programs.

The vacancies were filled by farmer-delegates who are newly-elected ASC community

commitment for 1974. Community committees assist the county committee in farm program administration and help keep farmers informed of program provisions.

County committeemen are elected by the community committeemen to serve staggered three-year terms, so that ordinarily one vacancy occurs each year. The county committee alternates are elected for one-year terms.

WOMEN on Wheels

HELPFUL SAFETY HINTS

By Elizabeth Stimley
Plymouth Safety Writer

GET IT ON SAFELY

It is more blessed to give than to receive... especially when you are entering a freeway.

In this case, giving means yielding right of way to the cars already on the freeway. If you try to force your car into the traffic flow, you could force a driver to hit his brakes and he could receive a severe jolt in the rear from the car following him.

Getting on a freeway safely is your problem, not the problem of drivers already there. If they vary their speed to accommodate you, they could cause a major pileup.

Entrance ramps usually lead to an acceleration lane, and it may be a long one or a short one, or it may branch off into an exit. If traffic is heavy, you must find a gap between cars and time your approach to bring you to that gap as close as possible to the prevailing speed of the other cars.

Turn on your turn signal, check your rear-view mirrors, and take several quick glances over your shoulder. If you are alert, you will usually be able to blend into the traffic flow. If you are following another car, keep in mind that it may slow down or stop suddenly if the driver is having trouble getting into the traffic.

When you are on a through lane and see another driver about to enter that lane from a ramp, remember - making room for him is for your own safety's sake.

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time out for GOD

Sunday School Lesson

THE WORD DWELT AMONG US

International Sunday School Lesson for December 23, 1973.

LESSON TEXT: John 1:1-5, 14-18.

In this season of celebration of the birth of the Christ Child, we normally turn to a revision of the circumstances of His birth. These are found in both the gospels of Matthew and Luke.

This year, we take a slightly different approach — through the sequences of the Fourth Gospel... through the writings of John. For this gifted writer takes the reader back beyond the advent of Bethlehem... to claim that the child of Mary was, indeed, the Son of God.

The circumstances of Christ's birth, therefore, become secondary to the Persons of Christ, Himself — who He was, and why He came to a troubled world.

Christ was, in Himself, a continuing life. That is to say, He existed before He ever took human form; He merely came to the level of humans because that was the perfect identification with mankind! He had existed, in close communication with the Father, from the beginning of creation. He enjoyed a very unique relationship with the Creator!

Ardent students of things Biblical are acutely aware that the universe was created by God as He saw that which would benefit man — and that all was created by word... "Let there be light"... "Let man have dominion..." In short, God's Word was law. The Word was the giver of life; the gift of life was accompanied by the gift of light; and the gift of light was threatened by its opposite number... darkness! And while darkness can be restful (and welcomed as such in the corporeal concept) — in the spiritual concept it can be evil and fraught with great danger.

Therefore, on the eve of the celebration of Christmas (Christ's birth into the world of men) we must also rejoice upon the meaning of that birth — God's ever-loving grace bestowed upon mankind. For through this momentous event, the light of God's love for mankind was made evident. For through Christ man is brought into direct contact with eternal realities!

For, while it is true that goodwill among men is accepted as one of the Christian basics (and this is good) we tend to overlook the religious significance of the events that led to such joyful celebration, putting our pleasures and appreciations on a very corporeal plane. Santa Claus should NEVER be confused with Christ!

Christ, in the role of the Word, brought to mankind a more realistic view of God, the Heavenly Father, in this He could not fail, so completely did He identify with God, and with the Holy Ghost! The Holy Trinity! God can be all things to all men, if only we will let him! In accepting Christ, we accept God. It cannot be otherwise.

We cannot accept God and reject the Son; nor can we accept the Son and reject God! For the twin are one. This is John's message, down through the generations. And, we must admit, it has merit if we will but stop and ponder on it!

So — let us celebrate the chance mankind has been given... that of re-birth, in His Name!

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A Perfect Present

A puppy for Christmas. A warm little creature that looks up at you with appealing big brown eyes as he teeters on his wobbly legs. That's something few people can resist.

Before Christmas day is over, though, you may have had a qualm or two about this little fellow — when he starts teething on one of Dad's new Christmas slippers or on the living room rug.

Bringing up a puppy is not all pleasure. It is mixed with responsibility — and that's the way it is with most things in life. Pleasure, responsibility, work, play — it all goes to make up a kind of balance.

Going to church is like that. For home and church make up the most important balance in your life, each vital to the other. If you've been neglecting the church side of the scale, then you have been short-changing yourself. Why not make up for it next Sunday?

Scriptures selected by the American Bible Society

Sunday Revelation 20:1-6	Monday Isaiah 7:10-16	Tuesday Isaiah 9:1-7	Wednesday Galatians 4:1-7	Thursday Luke 1:26-38	Friday Luke 1:39-56	Saturday Luke 1:57-73
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