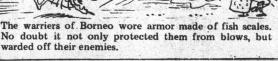
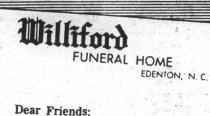


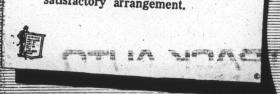
A FIRST FOR STATE VEHICLES—Secretary of Transportation Bruce Lentz and seven other members of the N. C. Department of Transportation and Highway Safety were honored recently with awards of appreciation from the Adjutant General of North Carolina, Maj. Gen. William Buck. The group authorized and implemented the placement of bumper stickers promoting the N. C. National Guard on all departmental vehicles which number approoximately 9,800 in number. Pictured are: (left t right) Bruce Lentz, secretary; Billy Rose, highway appropriate the placement of the placement o 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







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

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

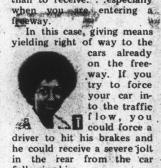
John Butler Byrum of Tyner was elected to a three year term on the county committee. Wilbert Hare was elected first alternate and Harrold Lloyd Bunch was elected second alternate. The alternates will move up to the regular county committee if a vacancy on the committee should occur.

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



committeement for 1974.

Community committees assist-

the county committee in farm

program administration and

help keep farmers informed of

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

This office will be closed

December 24, 25 and 26 for

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HELPFUL SAFETY HINTS

By Elizabeth Stimley

Plymouth Safety Writer

GET IT ON SAFELY

than to receive. . . especially

It is more blessed to give

elected for one-year terms.

Christmas.

program provisions.

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 follow-ing 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.

Armco Corrugated Steel Pipe For Irrigation/Drainage



ITS EASY TO IN-



time out for

Sunday School Lesson

THE WORD DWELT AMONG US

International Sunday School Lesson for December 23, 1973.

LESSON TEXT: John 1:1-5.

this season elebration 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.

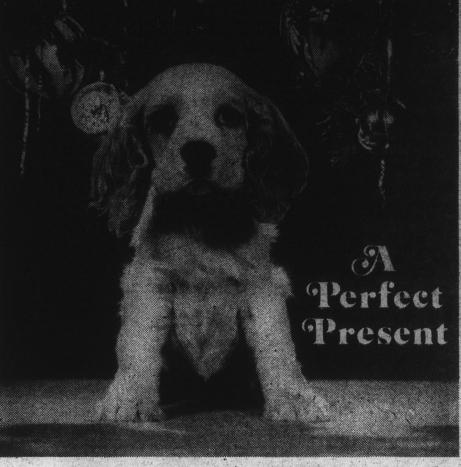
Christ was, in Himself, a continuing life. That is to say, He existed before He ever took human form; He merely came to the level of humans because that was the perfect dentification with mankind! He had existed, in close communication with the Father, from the beginning of creation. He enjoyed a very 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 belight"..."'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 it's opposite number...darkness! And while darkness can be restful (and welcomed as such in the corporeal t) - in the si 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 oleasures and appreciations a very corporeal plane. Santa Claus should NEVER e confused with Christ!

Christ, in the role of the Vord, brought to mankind a ore realistic view of God, the Heavenly Father, In this He could not fail, so completely did He identify ith God, and with the Holy host! The Holy Trinity! God can be all things to en, if only we will let him! accepting Christ, we accepting Christ, ept God. It cannot



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 shortchanging yourself. Why not make up for it next Sunday?

Scriptures selected by the American Bible Spciety

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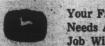
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