

Roberts' Original Pageant Thrills Grace Members

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An original pageant, written and directed by B. D. Roberts, a former principal in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, was presented at Grace AME Zion Church last Sunday morning during the regular worship service.

The pageant, entitled "A Child Was Born," involved more than 60 participants from the Youth Choir, and Senior Choir, the Warren-Williams Adult Sunday School Class and other church members.

The pageant was divided into three acts. The first dealt with the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem to pay their taxes as decreed by Augustus Caesar, the Roman Emperor. While in Bethlehem, Joseph found himself unable to find lodging for his wife and himself though Mary was near the time of delivery of their child. Finally they found shelter in an ox stall and there the Christ Child was born.

Act II portrayed the story of the shepherds as they watched their flocks in the night. They

were approached by angels from heaven and were told that the Christ Child had been born in Bethlehem and were instructed to follow a star to find him. They did and found the Christ Child lying in a manger.

Act III depicted the journey of the three Wise Men who came from the East to see Jesus Christ, the King of the Jews. They, too, were directed to Bethlehem where they found the Christ Child.

The acts were interspersed with pantomimes and choral readings by the Buds of Promise of Grace Church and the Youth Choir.

In the finale all members of the cast assembled on stage, surrounding the Christ Child, Mary and Joseph. There, having realized the Christ Child was born, they departed, singing "Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come."

According to Rev. Smith Turner, pastor of Grace Church, the expressions on the faces of the audience during the presentation, and the comments heard afterward, indicated it was enjoyed by all.



PARTICIPANTS OF "A CHILD IS BORN" Jerome Oxner, B.D. Roberts, director, and PAGEANT - are left to right Nathan Long, Welcome Moton.

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MCPD Completes New

One-For-One Car Program

The Mecklenburg County Police Department will complete the implementation of the new One-for-One Car Program this week, according to County Police Chief B.L. Porter.

Seventy-two marked County police cars have been assigned to patrol officers and to supervisors in the Uniform Patrol Division, and the officers are using the cars when they are on and off duty, thus increasing the visibility of the department's bright yellow cars.

This visibility, Chief Porter says, can be a significant factor in crime prevention, and it offers additional security and peace of mind.

The officers will drive the cars to and from work and use them for personal activities while off duty. They will main-

tain radio contact with Police Headquarters and respond to emergencies in their immediate areas, while off duty. In return, the County will pay for the maintenance and operating cost of the vehicle. Manuals outlining the regulations for use and maintenance of the cars will be provided each officer.

Chief Porter said the program will enhance the Department's ability to summon off-duty policemen in emergencies and have them report for duty in equipped police cars directly to the area where they are needed.

The One-for-One Car Plan was recommended in a recent study of the County Police Department and approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

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If you are getting drowsy while driving, the best thing you can do is to pull off the road and rest a while. Walk around a little, have a cup of coffee, and even get a bit to eat. But don't continue your trip until you feel well rested.

If for some reason you can't pull off the road, a series of exercises developed by a University of California doctor can help keep you alert and awake.


The series for highway drivers suggests that at the first sign of drowsiness the driver should start wriggling his toes. The hands are next and should be exercised by gripping the steering wheel tightly and then relaxing.

This should be followed by alternately focusing the eyes on the road ahead and then on the dashboard. Neck muscles can be exercised by moving the head from side to side while keeping the eyes on the road.


The series ends with the driver taking deep breaths and sitting straight with his back arched against the back of the seat.

These exercises will keep a tired driver awake but remember, the best advice is still to pull off the road and get some needed rest. Falling asleep behind the wheel of a car can turn a "cat nap" into something more permanent.

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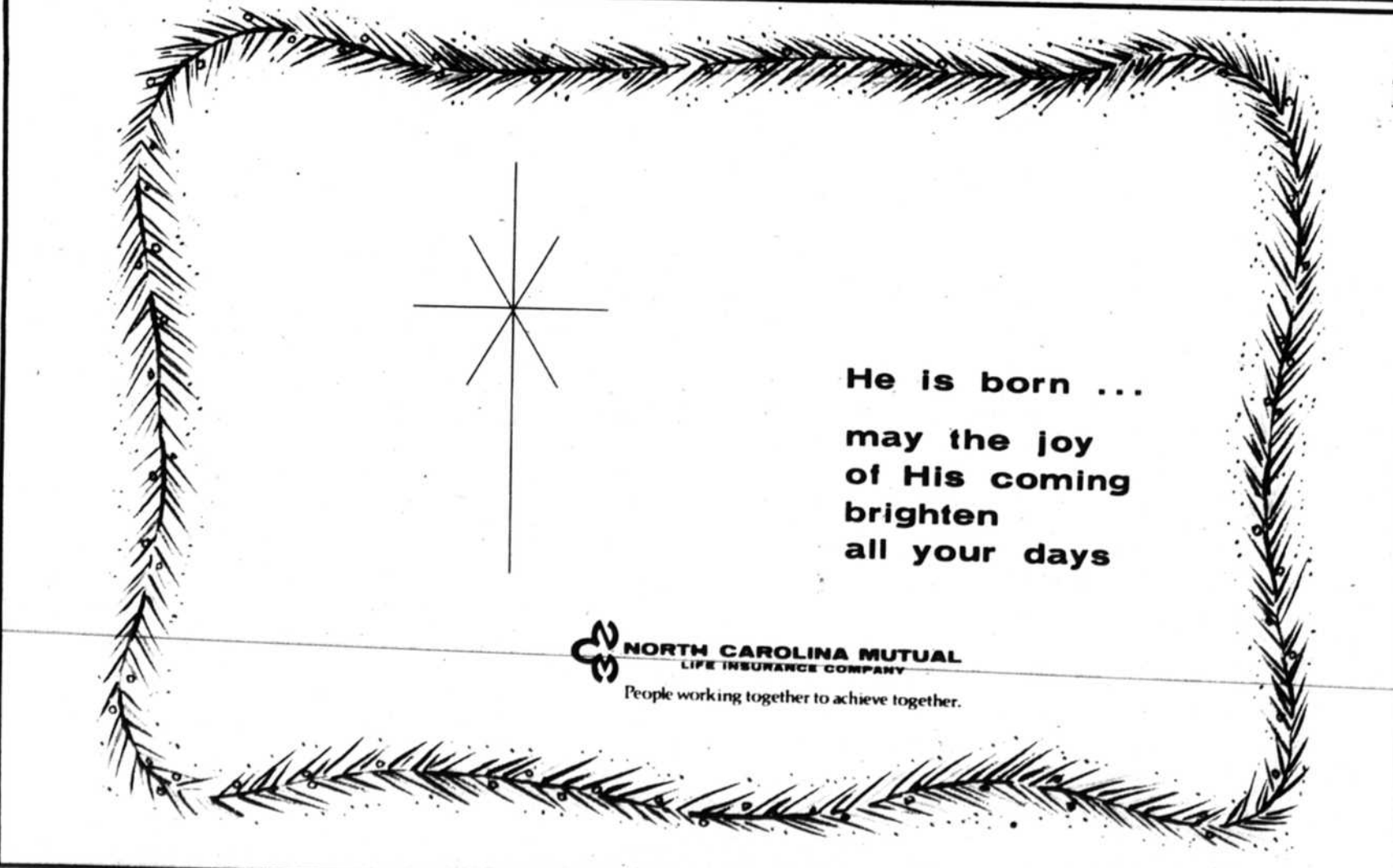
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