



Residents and staff members of Warren Nursing Center are shown above with Easter baskets they prepared recently for underprivileged children in Warren County. The baskets were presented to eight children at an Easter Party Tuesday night at

the center. The youth choir from Warrenton Baptist Church was on hand to entertain under the direction of Nellie Gardner. The children and residents were also surprised by a visit from the Easter Bunny, portrayed by Carolyn Coleman. (Staff Photo)

Good Friday Cantata Is Planned By Newly Organized Choral Body

The recently organized Littleton Choral Society will present "The Crucifixion," a cantata for Good Friday written by Sir John Stainer, in the sanctuary of Littleton Baptist Church at 8:00 p. m.

April 20. The public is cordially invited. Some months ago members of various church choirs in the Littleton area expressed to Mrs. Clayton Melling, choir director of the Littleton Baptist Church,

their desire to organize a choral group which transcends church boundaries for the learning and presenting to the public of the great choral literature of the Christian faith.

With the enthusiastic backing of the leadership of several churches, Mrs. Melling called together a group of some 35 singers from the Littleton area, some of whom had participated in similar ventures in other communities and some who had had no previous experience.

They decided to present "The Crucifixion," one of the best-known works of the Easter Season, on Good Friday of this year. Since the first of February, the group has been practicing weekly at the Littleton Baptist Church.

Mrs. Melling organized the group and is the director. Mrs. Dottie Scott Pegram is the pianist. For the performance the Rev. Dowd Davis will be the organist.

Soloists for this pre-

sentation are: the Rev. Scott Sink, tenor; the Rev. Ronald Nida and the Rev. Charles Wilson, baritone; and Henry Nelson, bass.

Members of the Littleton Choral Society are Mrs. Michael Crawley, Mrs. Warren Deines, Mrs. A. P. Farmer, Miss Betty Felts, Miss Barbara Jeffers, Mrs. Marvin Newsom, Jr., Mrs. Charles Parks, Jr., Mrs. Richard Roddy, Mrs. Janine Rolland, Mrs. Lloyd Salmon, and Mrs. Clyde Spragins, sopranos; Mrs. William Dacey, Mrs. Dowd Davis, Mrs. Brenda Hudson, Mrs. Howard Guidry, Mrs. Ronald Nida and Mrs. Thomas Sweeley, altos; Ray Cole, Michael Crawley, Howard Guidry, James Kearney, Jr., the Rev. G. Clayton Melling, the Rev. Ronald Nida, the Rev. Scott Sink, tenors; and Warren Deines, Clyde Johnston, Marvin Newsom, III, Charles Parks, Jr., the Rev. Charles Wilson and Henry Nelson, basses.

Bank Foundation Gives Assistance

The Peoples Bank Foundation has announced that it is contributing a total of \$10,000 to state disaster relief funds set up in the counties in its market that were declared disaster areas.

Robert R. Mauldin, president of Peoples Bank and Trust Company, and spokesman for the Foundation, said, "The contribution will be divided among Hertford, Pitt, Cumberland, Perquimans, and Nash counties, and will provide direct assistance to those residents not covered by federal relief programs." Distribution of the funds will be used to help cover medical costs, burial expenses and housing and equipment replacement.

Patrol Officials Prepare For Record

State Highway Patrol officials are preparing for a record number of motorists to be on the roads during the Easter holiday weekend.

Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Heman Clark said, "With the arrival of spring and the first long weekend following the winter season, we expect traffic to be extremely heavy during the Easter holidays."

According to Highway Patrol Commander Colonel David L. Matthews, 13 people died on North Carolina's highways during the Easter holiday period last year.

"We will be doing all we can to hold the number down again this year," Matthews said. "We will have every available trooper on duty during the holiday period, with impaired drivers and speeders receiving special attention."

"The Safe Roads Act of 1983 has made a difference; and if motorists will refrain from driving while drinking, this holiday will certainly be safe for all highway users," Matthews added.

The holiday period begins at 6 p. m. Friday, April 20, and ends at midnight Monday, April 23.



James E. (Jim) Long of Alamance County, candidate for insurance commissioner of North Carolina, brought his campaign for election to Warrenton on Friday. Accompanying Long on his visit here was former State Rep. Tom Ellis of Henderson, right. Long, who now serves as counsel to the speaker of the N. C. House of Representatives, is a former legislator and a former chief deputy commissioner of insurance. (Staff Photo)

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