



## JUST TOLERABLE

By GENE PARKER

I'm back . . . by popular demand. (My friends will believe that. What my enemies think doesn't matter.)

Lots of folks have been "Just Tolerable" since our last chat.

Take Chamber of Commerce President Dave Townson for instance. He'd do anything, almost,

to get new industry for Cherokee County. In fact, he cut off

a finger while working to get Margaret Studios Inc. situated

here. It happened when he was en

route to Chattanooga, Tenn., to see one of the plant officials. Some-

one bumped his car and when he got out to observe the damage, he left a finger on the car door.

Says Mr. Dave: "I'd cut off another one if it would mean getting a new plant here." (Ten plants and you're out of business, Dave).

Dr. William R. Gossett has had his share of troubles. He is still just tolerable from eating corn-

bread for breakfast and cotton seed meal gravy in upper South Carolina during those "recession" days of the late Twenties and early Thirties. Yet more misery is heaped upon him. Someone stole his fancy hubcaps recently while he was attending a basketball game in Hayesville.

I'll throw this in for what it's worth. Read the other day where Americans used 37,000,000 pounds of snuff last year with the fair sex taking more than half the supply. 'Snuff said.

Among the many stories reaching my desk is one from Andrews. It's a dilly and authentic right down to the last letter. Seems a Graham County fellow had to bring his wife to the hospital but on the way car trouble developed. He had to park his car in Andrews and during his absence an "honest thief" removed the two back wheels on which were two new tires. Three or four days later, just as mysteriously as they disappeared, the wheels and tires were returned. All were in perfect condition.

**World War I Vets To Meet Monday**

New officers will be installed at a meeting of Veterans of World War I at County Courthouse Monday night at 7:30.

They include: W. D. Whitaker of Andrews; commander; Green A. Jones of Blaisville, Ga., first vice-commander; J. G. Green of Murphy; second vice-commander; and John O'Dell, adjutant.

**HEARING SET FOR NEXT WEEK IN PARKWAY TOLL CHARGE DISPUTE**

The North Carolina Congressional delegation and others opposed to toll charges on the Blue Ridge Parkway will have their say next week.

Rep. George Shuford said a meeting has been set for 9:30 next Wednesday morning with Secretary of Interior Fred Seaton in Washington.

Meanwhile another State agency has gone on record as opposing toll charges on the Parkway.

In a formal resolution adopted at a recent Commission meeting in Raleigh, the seven-member Highway Commission called on

## Crippled Children Campaign To Start Monday

W. D. Whitaker of Andrews, county chairman of the Crippled Children Easter Seal Campaign, said the drive will get under way in this county Monday and continue through Easter.

Murphy Rotary Club is sponsoring the campaign with Virgil O'Dell as fund chairman for the Murphy area.

S. J. Gernert is fund chairman in the Andrews area.

## City Commissioners Requested To Extend Water Main

City Board of Commissioners Monday night were requested by a Peachtree Street family to extend the city water main and place a fire hydrant closer to their home.

The request came from Mr. and Mrs. James Parker.

A brush fire last Wednesday afternoon razed approximately eight acres near the Parker home. Shrubbery planted at the rear of the Parker home was destroyed in the blaze.

Fire and water committees, made up of Commissioners, this week were checking on the possibilities of extending the line and installing the hydrant.

The fire was believed started by children playing near Hiwassee River below the Parker home, one official said.

Claude (Bub) Jones and Hughston Frye also request Commissioners to provide more water for their neighborhood in the vicinity of the John J. Posey place. This will also be studied by the water committee.

In other business Commissioners authorized the city clerk to purchase approximately \$2,500 worth of new furniture for the city's new office in the Power Board Building.

**Carnegie Library To Hold Open House**

ANDREWS—Open house will be held in the Andrews Carnegie Library from 3 to 5 each afternoon beginning next Monday and continue through Saturday March 22.

"Wake Up and Read" is the theme for the first National observance of Library Week.

Mrs. Lillian B. Buchanan of Cul- lowhee, former resident of Andrews, will be the guest speaker at a reception at the library Saturday March 22, from 3 to 5.

New books, including many memorial books, will be on display.

The public is invited to view the display.



"SO-BIG'S" CUSTODIANS — Mrs. Nancy Deweese (in driver's seat) and Mrs. Mabel Rayburn are shown inside So-Big, a book mobile serving a three-county area.



"SO-BIG" . . . can't get in modern service station.

## "SO-BIG" SERVES HOMES, SCHOOLS, OTHERS IN THREE COUNTY - AREA

By "SO - BIG" as told to Emily Costello  
"Look, Ma, here come's ole So-Big!"

The little fellow ran up the hill toward me, wagging along the three books I left on my last stop. Pretty soon his mother came up, carrying a pillow case full of books.

I declare, it just does my 1953 GMC ton and half heart good to see how glad the folks are to see me every five weeks. Of course, I don't know whether it's just me and my 2 thousand books they like to see coming, or my nice smiling front-seat driver, Nancy Deweese (Mrs. Burley Deweese), and my genial back-seat driver, Mrs. Mabel Rayburn. But, anyhow folks in three counties over a 1,200 mile circuit welcome me with open arms.

The girls and I make 110 home stops and leave books on tables, trunks, chairs—depending on the size of the place; and we're building up a direct service route, too, going right to the house, no matter where it is, and delivering and picking up books—all free of course. We go to about 30 places like this.

We also stop at all the schools in Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties. And tourist resorts like Fontana Dam, the Snowbird Mountain Lodge, and Tapoco Lodge are also stops on our monthly trips.

The five branch libraries we serve are Murphy, Hayesville, Robbinsville, Andrews and Fontana.

When the folks see us coming they gather up the books in their arms or in flour sacks, meal sacks, or what not, and climb aboard to pick out different books for the next few weeks.

Of course, things weren't always so rosy for bookmobiling. Up until about 1954 my daddy—an old Chev—

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## National Library Week To Be Observed Here

Murphy Library will hold open house Tuesday night from 7:30 to 9:30 in observance of National Library Week, March 16-22.

As part of the observance, a story hour will be held Saturday, March 22, at 10 a. m. with Mrs. John Smith serving as story teller.

This year's theme is "Wake Up and Read".

The American Library Association says: "We live in a complicated and difficult time. We must be well informed if we are to survive, and as a democratic nation we depend on knowledge as we never have before."

"You and your family can benefit from the exciting world of reading. Re-discover the delights and the challenge of the written word. Books are about everything—everything that interest you as a thinking person."

"The world is at your fingertips—science, fiction, history, art—it's all there for the taking."

Visit your library, your bookseller and your newstand. You will find reading more will broaden your horizons.

**Walter Carringer To Make Four Appearances**

Walter Carringer, who spent his boyhood years in Murphy, will make four appearances with the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra this season as tenor soloist.

Mr. Carringer will appear in Hendersonville on Monday, March 17, in Statesville on Wednesday, March 19, in Morganton on Monday, March 24, and in Sparta on Tuesday, March 25. He is a son of Mrs. Ruth Carringer of Murphy.

**Deputy Collector To Help With State Tax Returns**

Deputy Collector J. R. Penland of the State Department of Revenue will be at County Courthouse Monday and Tuesday to assist taxpayers in filing their state tax returns.

Mr. Penland also will be at the Courthouse to assist taxpayers on April 7, 14 and 15.

Returns must be filed on or before April 15.

# Probe Continues In Two Ambush Slayings

## Sheriff's Deputies Gunned Down Near Copperhill

Polk County police and Tennessee Bureau of Investigation officers Wednesday morning were continuing their diligent probe into the ambush slaying of two sheriff's deputies near Copperhill, Tenn., Saturday night.

No new leads had developed TBI officers joined the search Monday.

Killed were Polk County Deputies Louis Wright, 49, and R. A. Rogers 65. A third deputy, Carmel Gib-

son, 30, escaped injury by diving to the ground, an Associated Press release stated earlier this week.

Deputy Rogers was a native of Murphy.

The two officers were killed late Saturday night as they stepped from their patrol car to make a routine check at a beer tavern about six miles north of Copperhill. Shotgun pellets struck them in the face.

It was reported that Officer Rogers died instantly. Officer Wright, driver of the patrol car, lived only a few moments.

The Associated Press quoted Copperhill Mayor Emil Greene as (Continued on Page Five)

**Articles Made By Blind To Be Sold Here Saturday**

Articles made by home-bound blind in North Carolina will be on sale in the Town Square here Saturday.

The sale has been made possible by the State Commission for the Blind and the Murphy Lions Club. Selling of the articles will be in charge of Miss Sarah Elmeroe, Home Industries Counselor in the area, assisted by members of the Lions Club and their wives.

These blind, and partially-blind, adults are home-bound. Some are housewives, others crippled or aging. There must be a real desire to accomplish, along with some ability developed, or there to be developed, in order for these products to be produced.

Part of the material is bought, some donated and the remaining portion is furnished by the blind persons. The articles that will be on sale will cover a wide area. There will be aprons, baskets, leather good, place mats, hand-woven items, toys, stuffed animals, booties and woodwork.

One woman who makes stuffed animals is deaf, mute and blind. Another blind woman has a member of her family read the directions for crochet work of various kinds. An 87-year old man, with only light perception, makes baskets with a specialty in the picnic variety.

A great number of the women who will have their goods on sale are housewives. These women take care of their home, watch over their children, enter into school and civic work, and make baskets and toys in their spare time. Many of these articles are never offered at public sales. They are sold by the makers as soon as completed.



ELECTED: W. Frank Forsyth of Murphy, executive vice-president of Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Saturday was named president of Group 10 of the North Carolina Bankers Association.

Mr. Forsyth was elected at the organizations annual meeting last week in Asheville.

**Law Prohibits Following City Fire Truck**

City Commissioners this week reminded citizens of the town ordinance that prohibits following the fire truck when it is called to a fire.

Conviction on a first offense carries a \$5 fine, second offense, \$10 fine and third offense, \$50, or in either case confinement in jail for 30 days.

The ordinance does not apply to members of the Murphy Fire Department, who follow the truck in their personal vehicles.

**SINGING**

The regular third Sunday singing will be held at Bellview Methodist Church Sunday at 2 p. m.

**TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT SPRING OPENS MARCH 31; JURORS NAMED**

Twenty-three criminal and 37 civil cases are on the docket for a two-week term of Superior Court that opens here Monday, March 31.

Judge Hugh B. Campbell of Charlotte will preside.

First week jurors were announced as follows by Clerk of Court Kellis Radford: Clyde A. Dockery, J. W. O'dell, Dee Kephart, Herman English, Wayne Abernathy, Verlon Bryson, Buddy Timpson, Olen Taylor, Charles McDonald, Sam Capps, Allen Chambers, Ray C. Dockery, and Andy Whitener, all of Murphy Route 3.

Also: Cecil Monteith, Owen McDonald and J. A. Mallonee of Murphy Route 1; Blaine Haney, A. H. Hatchett, W. E. Stiles, Fred Stiles and Ed Owenby of Murphy Route 2; Stanley Woods and L. B. Crowder of Murphy Route 4; Cecil Phillips and Fred L. Scroggs of Marble Route 1.

Also: Clifford Hughes, A. L. Gillespie, Jake Patterson, H. E. Dickey and Horace Parker of Murphy; Newt Gibson, J. H. Shields, J. M. Anderson, Hampton Monteith and Grady Nix of Culberson.

Also: Ralph Morgan of Andrews Route 1, Allen Brendle of Turtletown, Tenn., Route 1, Charlie Wood, Steve Dockery, Frank Coleman, and F. W. Kilpatrick of Murphy Route 2, Grover Whitener, Alex English, Horace McRae and Virgil Fisher of Murphy Route 3.

Also: W. J. Sneed, Euclid Voyles and Gordon King of Murphy Route 4, Alvah Sneed of near Culberson, Emory Sneed, Nell Sales and R. M. Moore of Murphy Route 1, and Sim Ware of Culberson.

## Cattle Producers To Vote In Referendum

The North Carolina Cattlemen's Association is having a referendum in all of the 100 counties in North Carolina on Saturday and all farmers who sell cattle for slaughter or received an income from the sale of cattle are eligible to vote in this referendum.

Cattle producers will vote on the question of whether or not there shall be levied an assessment of 10 cents per head for all cattle for slaughter, which brings \$20 or more per head, sold through auction markets, handlers, or processors in North Carolina.

Pearl Johnson of Murphy Route 1 is chairman of this committee for Cherokee County and Fred Martin of Unaka and Mr. Noah Hembree of Peachtree are members of this committee.

The polling places in Cherokee County will be as follows: Peachtree, Kilpatrick Store; Murphy, Farmers Federation; Culberson, Glen Owenby's Store; Shoal Creek, Allen Brendle's Store; Unaka, Morley's Store; Liberty, Donley & Suit Store; Bates Creek, Clyde Dockery's Store; Bellview, Bob King's Store; Brasstown, C. C. Hemphill's Store; Marble, Craig & Coffey's Store; Andrews, Franklin's Store.

The polls will be open from 8 a. m. until 5:30 p. m.

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## \$10 OFFERED IN SLOGAN CONTEST SPONSORED BY MURPHY CHAMBER

Could you use a \$10 bill?

That is the prize being offered by the Murphy Chamber of Commerce in a contest announced this week.

The Chamber wants a short, snappy slogan that will be appropriate in dubbing Murphy a friendly community.

Here is all you have to do. If you come up with a good slogan, type or print it on a piece of stationery, sign your name and address and mail it to Slogan Contest, Murphy Chamber of Commerce, Murphy, N. C.



Mr. Carringer . . . tenor soloist fore April 15.



TOY MAKER — A blind, deaf-mute has been trained to make stuffed toys, and gains much satisfaction from producing saleable articles.