

READY TO ROLL - Mrs. Addie Keegan prepares to take the Bookmobile out on one of ner five routes. The Bookmobile takes books throughout the county and tries to cater to its patrons. Special trips are made to take reading material to those who cannot come to the public library. (Staff photo by Kathy Newbern)

Bookmobile Rolls

By KATHY NEWBERN One of the many services offered to residents of Perquimans County by the county's public library is the Bookmobile. Through this program, people throughout he county have access to a wide variety of reading material.

Started in the 1940's, the Bookmobile has grown in size and service. At first a truck smaller than the current one was used. The present Bookmobile was obtained in 1957 and is a walk-in type. When loaded to capacity, the Bookmobile will carry about 1,000 books.

Heading the Bookmobile program County librarians Mrs. Addie Keegan and Mrs. S.M. Whedbee. The Bookmobile is taken along five routes each month. At times, the two women go together and often Ms. Keegan goes alone.

The bookmobile is taken out on two Tuesdays and two Thursdays of each months. The first Tuesday route takes the books to Chappell-Belvidere Hill. and Whiteston. During the second Tuesday trip, the Bookmobile travels to Hurdletown, Chapanoke and Woodland Since the library is closed on Thursdays, both women can travel the Thursday routes together. The first takes them to Burgress, Bethel and back

The people along the circulated by the Book routes know where the mobile in one day while the winter circulation ranges Bookmobile will stop and the approximate time. from 50 to 100. Books are circulated for two weeks Readers are usually there to and are renewable just as is meet the women or appear at the sound of the horn. the procedure at the Mrs. Keegan recalled once when the Bookmobile was accused of being a fish truck

when the horn was blown. Often, special once-a-

Morgan's Nursing Home or to out of the way places where the readers have requested. Special effort is made to get books to elderly citizens or people who cannot come into Hertford to check books out of the public library.

The librarians pointed out that in the winter, participation in the bookmobile program is reduced and interest picks up again in summer when children are not in school. Often in the

summer, 300 books are

Perquimans County Library. Books used on the Bookmobile are taken from the county library and include all types as well as month trips are made to magazines. The librarians noted that trouble on the road had

been at a minimum since the Bookmobile program was first started. Mrs. Keegan said, "When there were dirt roads, we used to get stuck a lot. Sometimes we'd have to walk a couple of miles to get

someone to pull us out." The only other trouble has been an occasional flat tire.

The women have no problem driving the Bookmobile, but one did admit that it is a bit "top heavy and hard to turn around.

People In The News Gregory were guests of Mr. visited Mrs. Cox, who is a patient at Memorial Chesapeake, Va. on Sunday. VISITS IN SOUTHERN HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Harry Broughton is spending some time in Southern Pines with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Broughton. WILMINGTON GUESTS Dr. and Mrs. Earl Sikes of

PINES

Miss Sidney Jessup, student at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va. will spend the Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Jessup. SUNDAY IN

CHESAPEAKE Mr. and Mrs. Noah

FROM PLYMOUTH

Miss Elizabeth Wood of Plymouth was a weekend guest of Miss Hulda Wood.

WEEKEND IN CHAPEL HILL Tom Cox spent the

weekend in Chapel Hill and

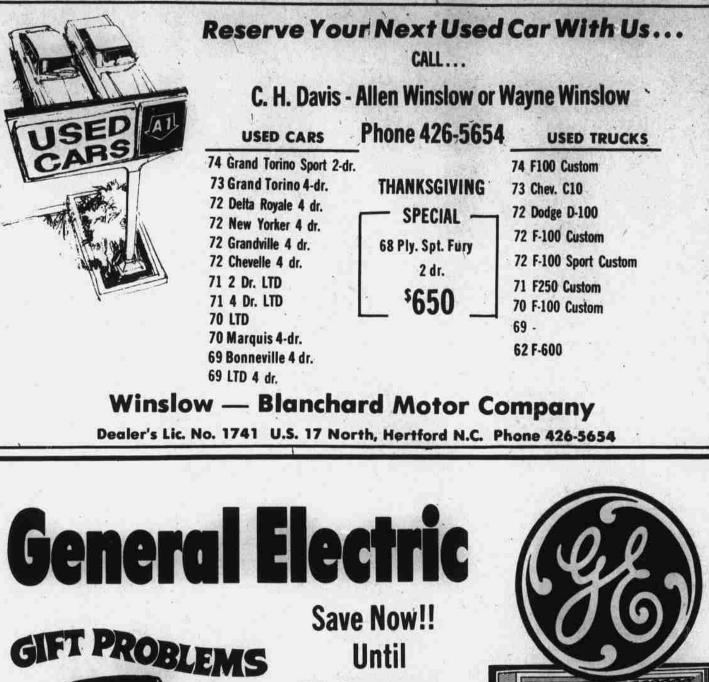
SUNDAY GUESTS Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Tingle and family of Bath were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thach, Jr. on Sunday. HOLIDAY GUESTS Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy White and twin sons, Johnny

and Bobby, of Newport P News, Va. will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bass on Thanksgiving Day. HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Miss Linda Banks and Miss Brenda Banks of Greenville will spend the Holidays with their mother, Mrs. C.C. Banks.

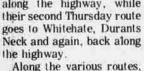
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the Bookmobile makes stops where people have requested. Mrs. Keegan pointed out that the Bookmobile will stop at new places as requested. She said, "We're always glad for people to call and ask us to stop at a new place." Often, special books that readers have requested are taken to them by the Bookmobile, or books are selected that the librarians feel will meet the interests of the readers.

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