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## Connections Family Support Group Meets Monthly

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On the third Thursday of the month at the Hampton B. Allen Library in the Bookmobile Room, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., the Connections Family Support Program holds a group meeting for parents, grandparents and foster parents serving children with emotional, learning or behavioral challenges. Refreshments and resources will be provided free.

For more information contact Suzanne Maness, Family Advocate, at 877-211-5995 or email [connectionsfp@gmail.com](mailto:connectionsfp@gmail.com).

For several years in the 1990s and early 2000s Bill Billingsley wrote a column for *The Express*. It began with the title 'Billingsley's This and That' with the title later evolving to become Billingsley's "T N T".

Bill managed WADE Radio Station in Wadesboro for many years. He was extremely well known in the community, with many friends. Bill was also known nationwide for his pitch-perfect and authoritative 'radio voice.' We are proud to present the column below that Bill wrote in 2000.

## Billingsley's T.N.T.

Eddie Murphy in the movie "Nutty Professor II" goes one better on "One Mans Family" on old time radio. Murphy is made up and does all the characters in the movie, whereas one man did the voices for the entire cast on "One Mans Family" - women, men, children and even dogs and cats. This, of course, required lots of imagination on the part of the listener.



That is one problem about movies and television, your imagination is taken away and very little thinking by the watcher is required. That is the reason many people like to watch - they don't have to think, and that is bad. Thinking and imagination are healthy things - or so the psychologists would say. So imagine and think all you care to.

Those are some of the things that Tommy Allen and I spoke about when we were discussing old time radio - some other facets of present day radio were talked about, but you may remember that we both agreed that one day - one day, radio will return to the make-up-your-own-mind kind of dramas.

The kind where you can imagine what the characters look like, just how they go about things and even what the scenery looks like. More entertaining and interesting. You need to be from the "old school" to think that way, but I know many who feel that way whether they say so out loud or not. And it may be that you need to have been associated, in some way, with radio, if only a regular listener and not on the other end of the airwaves. Some say I talk too much about radio, WADE1, WKDX, WRPL, KENO, KGNC and other stations like WTOB, XERA, XERB and such. But if you have lived and breathed radio, as I did, it would be the same as you talking about farming, painting, railroading or otherwise. The best thing I can say to those who disapprove is to skip that part and go on to another.

I talked at length with friend Dewey Johnson the other night. He wanted to compliment the *Express* Newspaper for giving him the courage he got for the things he does with the legislature. After all, he is the appointed senior representative to that body of state government. And besides that, Dewey is a good friend - grew up around him, he'll give you a good deal, and we are brothers of the same fraternity, along with Ed McBride of "Remembering" in this paper, He considers *The Express* one of the most important pieces of mail he gets at his home/office in the city of Sugar Town. I failed to print out that I hereby appoint him Mayor of the City of Sugar Town.

I wanted to expressly make the point of thanking Clarice and Jeff Martin (Mutt & Jeff) for my favorite coconut cake for my birthday. They are more thoughtful than some who are related to me. Thanks again! Anyone who really knows me, knows I'd rather have coconut cake than candy or money. It's good! - with just a cup of coffee.

In my files, under "everything else", I found this touching little piece of literature by Jim Moore of Englewood, Ohio. It appears to come from a long ago copy of *Grit*. That little periodical has many a story that can give me an idea for a recollection to include in one of these columns sometime. Mind you, I never plagiarize from anybody's writings. That would be a "no,no" - a definite "no,no" done by any novelist, non-fictionist or any other writer. Here you will always find due credits given, if for any reason, writing what somebody else did is used. Mostly the words here come out of my own head and probably sound like they do. I'm not trying to come off like a seasoned journalist?

Now, the little piece I stumbled on to at the bottom of my files.

*A Lover's Eyes  
Somewhere  
in your Eyes  
I found a quiet place  
to rest a while  
and feed on your love.*

Songs Remembered:

*Java Jive  
This Magic Moment  
I Had the Craziest Dream Last Night  
What a Difference a Day Makes  
What a Day for a Daydream  
Show Me the Way to San Jose  
Only a Rose Will Do  
And the Band Played On  
Through for the Night  
Old Rocking Chairs Got Me  
New Orleans Function  
I Wish I Could Shimmy Like My Sister Kate  
I'm Going Where the Climate Suits My Clothes  
For Your Love  
Save the Bones for Henry Jones  
Because of You  
Chances Are  
Fascination  
You, You, You  
He'll Have To Go  
Tenderly  
Now is the Hour  
To Each His Own  
Secret Love  
Crazy Arms  
Only You  
Kiss of Fire  
I Believe  
Shine  
Melody of Love  
Moonlight in Vermont*

I have here some multi-word sayings used years ago and some have even slipped down to today's parlance:

*Rode hard and put up wet - Really tired and feeling so after a long time.  
Feel like a three cent piece - feel useless, no good.  
Feel like a three cent piece with a hole in it - feel even worse.  
Off the beaten path - Do something out of the ordinary  
Squez - as in squeeze tightly.  
Hem & Haw - Argue pointlessly.  
Beat around the bush - Never telling it like it really is.  
Tear out of the frame - really jolt  
Back Water - Reneging, backing out of a deal.  
Snakes of - Characteristic of, seems like.  
It's an ill wind that blows no good - Same as crapehanger from last weeks column.  
Bearers of bad tidings - Person really bad at heart, loves telling bad news.*

*Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life,  
what you eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.*

**-Luke 12:11**

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