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For several years in the late 1990's and early 2000's 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.'

Due to a computer mishap, it appeared that Bill's "TnT" columns were lost. But, after working on the project for several years, we have managed to recover at least some of his work. Because of that good fortune, we are proud to present a column below that Bill wrote for the November 10, 1999 edition of *The Express*.

**Billingsley's This and That**

By Bill Billingsley



First, I'd like to tell you about a remote broadcast we were doing over old WADE #1, from the Farm Credit office when it was on McLaurin Street. The service was managed then by Aaron Hinson, so you can see it's been a long, long time ago. Aaron has since retired as Anson County Tax Collector.

If I'm not mistaken, I consider this as their official grand opening. That particular Service has since moved to a building on Caswell Street or Highway 74 East. But that is beside the point.

The crux of this is that the remote moved right along very smoothly, actually, I believe it moved along better than most – especially when you ad-lib and interview guests one after the other. It was even possible to think readily of new things to talk about with each guest talked with and brand new subjects to ad-lib about. As the British might say, we all considered that it was going "swimmingly" well.

When we cut back to the station for a break and some other commercials, I looked out the front door and noticed a Lincoln drive up and park with a tag on the front that announced "Broken Arrow Oklahoma." This of course, heightened my curiosity a bit. The driver came in and asked to see the fellow who was making so much out of so little. The man was ushered to me and introduced himself as Cal Tinny, the producer/director of the "Lassie" television shows. He had been listening while driving up the road westward – coming from a talk with Andy Griffith who had a vacation home, then, on the Outer Banks. And, after talking with Tinny a while, I learned that he went to college with Oral Roberts and Paul Aurant (Paul Harvey). After some conversation about just how smart those two were (he didn't mention his smartness, too), we had to "take it back" at Farm Credit. I tried to have him say a word or two, but he would not go on the air, so we waited until the next cut away to talk some more. His reason for being in Wadesboro, in the first place, was he was coming through here to spend the evening with another college pal on his way to confer with Oral Roberts about his prime-time specials on T.V. (You may recall those.) Those specials came on a few months after Cal Tinny was here.

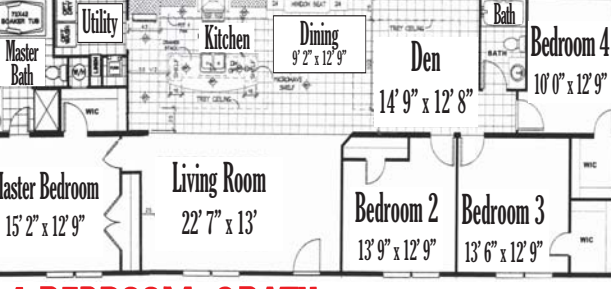
After the remote I had a long chat with this Hollywood specialist. He explained that he had worked on several other shows besides the "Lassie" productions and was most complementary of all of us – Aaron, Kenny Reed the engineer, Bob Rogers who was keeping the time, actually producing, Doug Thompson who assisted and the fellow who was adlibbing himself to death. He saw that the sun was sinking fast and said he must hurry on if he was to get to Marshville before dark – that's where his college friend lived.

Quite an interesting happenstance!

That reminds me of the interview I did with James Arness of "Gun-smoke" fame. He was in Columbia, S.C. as Grand Marshall of their Christmas Parade. Our talk had to be short because the parade was about to begin. Ris Lyon and I were there with some of our trick cars to perform in that parade. It's easy to recall because since, it's the only interview I recall doing while standing. And the main thing I remember is that although I'm six feet, I had to look up at him and hold the mike up above my head when it was his time to talk. Tall? The tallest person I interviewed, if not the best, because it was about time for him to lead off and we hurried a bit.

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W.P.B.



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**Wadesboro Seeking to Combat Unsanitary Trash Piles**

The Town of Wadesboro has recently seen a spike in trash in our community that is a threat to public health and community appearances. Large trash piles have been increasing in Town (as in the photo). Many in the community have called to express concern over these trash piles for sanitary, safety, and appearance reasons.

The Town is taking two actions to address these trash piles. First, the Town is seeking to encourage residents to take advantage of our dump trailer service, whereas the Town will park a dump body truck at a residence. The resident then can fill up the trailer with trash other than building material scraps for up to 3 days. The Town will then come pick up the trailer and take it to the landfill. The charge is \$25 plus any landfill charges above \$25 charged to the Town. To rent a truck, please visit Wadesboro Town Hall.

Secondly, the Town has instituted new rules and charges to hold accountable those that would put out these unsanitary trash piles. Specifically, the Town will pick up a maximum of 4 items per week from the following list:

- Household furniture;
- Household appliances and white goods;
- Mattresses and box springs;
- Televisions;
- Other approved electronics;
- Tires that are off the rim;
- Paint cans that are filled with sand and allowed to dry out to create a solid interior.

**The Town does not pickup building material scraps.**

Residents should call Town Hall to request pick up to ensure prompt pick up. Items placed out for collection should be put in an area that can be reached safely and reasonably by Town staff, and these items must be able to be picked up safely by 2 persons. The telephone number is 704-694-5171.

If items such as building materials are placed out in violation of these rules then the Town can charge the tenant and property owner with a criminal misdemeanor plus a charge of \$150 per load for cleanup costs. While these are serious consequences, the current approach has not worked and unsanitary trash piles have increased.

**Cheraw Arts Commission Pre-school Show January 24**

The Cheraw Arts Commission presents RAPunzel for school children by Porkchop Productions on Wednesday, January 24. The 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. performances will be presented at the Theatre on the Green in Cheraw.

The theatre company presents a unique twist on this classic fairy tale adding an assortment of musical genres to keep the story rocking along! The production includes a princess in a tower, a love-struck prince, and endless "bad hair" days. The story highlights this one-of-a-kind adaptation that reinforces the idea that letting someone go, means letting someone grow!

Porkchop Productions is a professional theatre company specializing in audience participation performances. Founded in 1991, the group performs throughout the southeast for schools, libraries, youth groups and special events.

Admission is \$4 per child with adults free. For additional information about the series and other happenings contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843.537.8420 x 12.

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