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## Fleas Come With The Dog

Ralph McGill, former editor of The Atlanta Constitution, is the author of an interesting small book whose title is "The Fleas Come With the Dog." The title and text of the book tend to show that with every gain there comes some loss.

While many marvelous developments have occurred since the editor was born in 1900 and while the editor has often said that if given the choice of what time he could live he would have chosen the present century, yet he has seen many things bearing out the truth of McGill's observations. More and more he thinks of the "good old days," when life was simple and harder, and before the curse of bigness has brought its trouble to the nation and the world.

Knowing that the "good old days" were really never that good, the editor has his moments when he would trade the glare of the television for the crow of the rooster and the moo of the cow. He remembers when trash could be burned without a threat to the

environment and remembers the smell of burning leaves. He remembers when the porches of Warrenton were gathering places for families and drop-in visitors, and when there was time for visiting with no fear of disturbing someone's TV program; and when one could walk all over the town and there was time for one to enjoy the joy of walking.

And more, perhaps, than anything else, was that most businesses were small enough for managers to know his customers and for employees to take pride in their work and for a dollar that was fairly constant.

To us the greatest boon we think is running water, the greatest discovery deodorants; and yet the creeks we drank out of hunting in our youth are now polluted and no longer safe; and scientists have warned us that the spray from deodorant cans is threatening to destroy the ozone layer that provides a cover for the earth.

## Reviving Family Values

By J. MARSE GRANT  
Editor Emeritus of  
The Biblical Recorder  
In The Charlotte Observer

Long before political parties discovered "family values" (whatever the term means), there were family reunions being held all over the South.

The recent get-together of the Wynne family near Commerce, Ga., is typical. My wife was born in this small town in northeast Georgia. The setting of the Wynne homeplace is strictly "rural Georgia." Only three chimneys remain of the home that was burned several years ago by vandals.

To get there you follow someone like my wife's father who knows every crook and turn on the narrow blacktop road. When it ends, you take a small dirt road that leads you to a modern version of the old-fashioned "bush arbor," where family members from several states are gathered. The neat, well-kept cemetery is already attracting descendants who have come from as far away as New Hampshire.

Anyone who thinks reunions are just for "older folks" is mistaken. All ages love them. The six-week-old baby was the youngest present. She soon won't remember it, but her proud parents will. The other end of the age spectrum was in the 90s, and these oldtimers provide the best stories.

Jesse Allen, 92, had come from Knoxville, Tenn. He 'tree'd a childhood playmate, only 88, who blurted out, "Jesse, I heard you died two years ago."

Identifying with Mark Twain's famous remark about news of his death being premature, they joked good-naturedly about the rumor and proceeded to swap tales of what took place 75 or 80 years ago.

Even though the median age is 60 to 70, teenagers like these events, too. They may not be overwhelmed by meeting a great-uncle or second cousin for the first time, but they knew where good food was on this beautiful Sunday. They were interested enough to stay for the business meeting presided over by Ed Gibbs of Charlotte, who at 45 is almost a "youngster" in the clan. Thus the cycle continues.

One item of business was a presentation of a book on the Gibbess, a branch of the Wynne family. It was written by Charles L. "Chuck"

Bacon, who had driven a thousand miles from Milford, N. H., to be present. Every family needs a person interested enough in genealogy to dig through dusty courthouse records, search out Bibles where births and deaths are recorded, and put it all together in a book.

After riding around Banks and Jackson counties for two days, it's easy to see why families migrated to North Carolina and other states 60 years ago when King Cotton was struck down by the boll weevil. My wife's family moved to Carthage in 1924, later moving to Greensboro.

It was interesting to observe her father, R. Aubrey Gibbs, nearly 84, and her mother, Margie Lord Gibbs, 83. They relived the past as they visited places that were a part of their childhood.

Having a picture taken at her mother's grave was a moving experience for Mrs. Gibbs. She observed how huge a magnolia tree rooted and planted when her mother died in 1914 threatens to take over the family plot at Dry Pond Methodist Church.

The weekend passed too quickly for everyone, and nine hours' driving back to Raleigh gave us plenty of time to think about the meaning of family.

Every family ought to have a reunion. Call it family pride, or whatever you like, it's good to come together and learn more about our roots. Some families, like my own, seldom have one. Thus it's embarrassing to introduce yourself at an uncle's funeral to your first cousin who's no longer the "little girl" you remember. It shouldn't be that way in families.

And if you go to a reunion, be sure it's the right one. Not long ago in a large N. C. city a family was having its annual reunion. A well-dressed couple somewhat timidly joined the group, had lunch, enjoyed the fellowship and then learned their family was at another picnic shelter.

They had dropped in on the wrong reunion. It's that way when families don't get together as often as they should.

### Leading Producer

Italy, the size of Arizona, is the world's leading wine producer, according to National Geographic. It produces 2 billion gallons a year, five times U. S. production.

By BIGNALL JONES  
Newspapers no longer control communication as they did before the advent of radio and television, but many persons seeking public office still find their way to newspaper offices in the areas in which they seek office. In seeking an audience, if they do not know anyone connected with the paper, they will seek an interview with the editor. This makes it nice for the editor, for most of them are interesting persons if not always successful politicians.

Thus I was not surprised last week when I found a note in my typewriter informing me that Frank Howard Hill of Durham, Republican nominee seeking Tim Valentine's seat in the Second Congressional District asking for an interview. Near the appointed hour Candidate Hill and his charming wife, Judith Lynn Volk (Judy) came into my office.

They were not only a charming couple, but were excellent listeners and I am afraid that I spent more time talking than I did listening, as too often happens in my old age. However, I did listen a little bit, after telling Candidate Hill that I am a Democrat, and reflecting that Tim Valentine would be a hard man for any Republican to beat. It was not until the Hills had left my office, bound for Henderson, that I read a brochure he handed me that I learned of his credentials, which are more than respectful.

Frank Howard Hill was born on Feb. 28, 1956, which makes him the youngest candidate for Congress that I have ever interviewed. He is the son of Dan Hill, former football star at Duke University. He attended high school in Durham and played in the North-South All-Star football game in Greenville, N. C., in 1974.

Hill entered the University of North Carolina as a Morehead Scholar in 1974. He was a member of the UNC-CH basketball team in 1974-75. He was a member of the student honor court, 1976-1977-1978, and a member of the Student Legal Assistance Committee in 1975. He was a member of Phi Delta Fraternity 1975-1978, a religion major, he received his AB Degree in 1978.

He was selected as one of 15 college seniors nationwide to participate in Parade Magazine Young Columbus Trip to England and Ireland, March 1978, and was a member of Peace Education and Action Conference, Orindist Island, Ontario, Canada, August 1977.

He received his Masters Degree in Business Administration from Fuqua School of Business, Duke University in 1983.

He is employed by Zapata Industries, Inc., Durham. He is president of North Carolina Soft Drink Boosters Association, chairman of Durham County Young Republicans, a deacon of Blackall Memorial Presbyterian Church, and led a Bible study youth group for students from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.

No statistics were given for Mrs. Hill, but she is very pretty and

## Mostly Personal

### 'Young Turk' Pays Visit

charming and it was evident that she shares her husband's enthusiasm.

Hill did not tell me, but I learned from his interview with The Henderson Daily Dispatch, that he is campaigning under an unofficial group he calls the "Young Turks" where he said that young people need to get involved as the economic conditions and the national debt "will be passed on to us."

From my own interview I learned that Hill largely follows the National Republican line and is an admirer of young Congressman Jack Kemp, R-New York, and ambassador Jean Kirkpatrick of the United Nations. He believes that much of the government's troubles are due to multiple terms served by congressmen. He would introduce a bill to limit service of congressmen to 10 years, "with the provision that after skipping one term, that he or she could be elected again, but positions earned could not be carried over."

Knowing that the primary goal of the average congressman is to get re-elected, I reflected that he had chosen an impossible goal for a new congressman, and a lack of familiarity with the working of the United States Congress where power does not come overnight. I did not argue the point, but from my vantage point of 84 years, I thoroughly enjoyed the enthusiasm and ideals of a 28-year-old candidate, and am looking forward to a second visit which he has promised me.

The following clipping from Sam Ragan's column, "Southern Accent" in The Southern

Pines Pilot, may be of interest to readers of this column:  
The libido must run high in Dare County—18 percent of households read Penthouse, which is more than four times the national average. Dare also is the highest in the state in Playboy readership with 6.9 percent.

These readership figures jumped out of a story by Lew Powell in the Charlotte Observer in a report on magazine readership by American Newspaper Markets, Inc., which conducts annual surveys.

Orange County (Chapel Hill) is high in readership of the New Yorker. More Chapel Hillians (3.4 percent) read New Yorker than New Yorkers (2.2 percent). In Orange County they also read Time, Newsweek and Sports Illustrated at more than twice the national average.

Reader's Digest is No. 1 in North Carolina, but second in the U. S. as a whole and TV Guide is No. 2, but first in the U. S. Most North Carolina readership follows the national pattern, with most of the top 15 here also in the top 15 magazines in the nation.

The top 15 magazines in North Carolina are, in order, Reader's Digest, TV Guide, Better Homes and Gardens, McCall's, National Geographic, Family Circle, Woman's Day, Ladies Home Journal, Good Housekeeping, Redbook, Playboy, Time, Penthouse, Sports Illustrated and Cosmopolitan.

The New Yorker, Harper's, Atlantic didn't make the top 15 list in either North Carolina or the U. S.

The magazines you read might tell something about you are, or at least where your interests lie.

## News Of Yesteryear

### Looking Back Into The Warren Record

September 8, 1944

Accepting a settlement with Mrs. Hilah T. Falkener, tax collector, for the 1943 tax list, ordering the installation of a stoker at Hotel Warren and authorizing the painting of the Water Company office were the highlights of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat White and sons of Portsmouth, Va., and Mr. Billie Aycock of Detroit, Mich., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Aycock.

Mrs. George Davis entertained at a "canning party" last Friday afternoon.

September 4, 1959

Warren County on Wednesday became the first county in North Carolina to make a contribution to the Research Triangle from the grassroots level as a result of action taken by a group of Warrenton citizens.

The marriage of Miss Gracie Mae Rooker, daughter of Mrs. Guy Rooker of Norlina and the late Mr. Rooker, to J. Robert Tingle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Tingle of Richmond, Va. took place Saturday, August 29, at 4 p. m. in Hanover Avenue Christian Church in Richmond, Va.

Arthur P. Rodwell, veteran agent of the Seaboard Railway at Norlina, retired on Monday, his 70th birthday.

September 5, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Quinton Clayton, Jr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Jean, to Joseph Dean Andrews, son of Mrs. Joe Andrews and the late Mr. Andrews of Afton. A November 24 wedding is planned.

Hiram Perkinson, III of Norlina and Wilson recently returned from Europe. He will resume teaching at Wesleyan College.

Warren Plains Baptist Church Choir held a surprise birthday party Wednesday night of last week honoring its two oldest and most faithful members, Mrs. Sue Wilker, 80, and Mrs. Bertie King, 77.

## Letter To The Editor

### Enjoyed Article

To The Editor:

What a joy to read the excellent article in the Aug. 8 Warren Record welcoming the Rev. John Cameron West and recounting the fascinating story of the Eaton House.

It was my privilege to live in this unique parsonage in the fall of 1981 while serving as interim pastor during the pastor's study leave at Duke University.

I have only the happiest memories of that all-too-brief pastorate—the graciousness of the people, the beauty of the sanctuary, the charm of the historic parsonage, the privilege of being pastor while my daughter, Lynne Grabill, was choir director and part-time organist, the hearty fellowship that gladdened our days.

Of especial interest was the Wednesday morning study group on the lectionary readings, since I have been writing the feature, "Preaching from the Lectionary" for the past nine years.

The people of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church have a place all their own in our happiest memories. Our greeting to them is Philippians 1:3.

Thank you again for the excellent article on Wesley Memorial and Pastor John Cameron West.

LOWELL M. ATKINSON  
Starwood, Wash.

## The Public Record

### Warren Deed Transfers

J. Robert King and wife to Palmer S. Newsome and wife, 7.04 acres, River Township.

Bettie Mae Cooper Richardson and husband to Al Louis Cooper, Jr. and wife, certain lot, Fishing Creek Township.

Dorothy Marie Sims Baker and husband to Carolyn Hyman Jones and husband, 2 acres, Warrenton Township.

Theressa S. Hyman to Carolyn Hyman Jones and husband, certain lot, Warrenton Township.

Leonard M. Bullock, Jr. and wife to Leonard M. Bullock, III and others, certain lot, Warren County.

John E. Newell and wife to Frank B. Newell, III, certain lot, Warrenton Township.

Lena H. Lloyd to Audrey L. King, certain lot, Town of Macon.

Peyton B. Rogers to Lee Roy West, certain lots, Warrenton Township.

West Lake Development, Inc. to Lighthouse Harbor Development Corp., certain lots, River Township.

Lighthouse Harbor Development Corp. to James R. Denny, Jr. and others, certain lot, River Township.

Lighthouse Harbor Development Corp. to Frederick K. Janz and others, certain lot, River Township.

Lighthouse Harbor Development Corp. to Algie Pitchford and others, certain lot, River Township.

Lighthouse Harbor Development Corp. to Wendell T. Smith and others, certain lot, River Township.

Lighthouse Harbor Development Corp. to Joseph P. Winner and others, certain lot, River Township.

### Marriage Licenses

Jackie Rayne Richardson of Hollister to Carol Richardson of Warrenton.

Francis Wilmot Aycock, III of Warrenton to Lisa Rachelle Robinson of Warrenton.

Sheldon McCray Twitty of Norlina to Brenda Louise Alston of Warrenton.

Clayton Lent Foster of Castalia to Barbara Delores Broadway of Warrenton.

Dennis Dale Pegram of Henderson to Rhonda Kay Robertson of Warrenton.

Marshall Ray Norwood of Norlina to Tracey Lynn Gillespie of Warrenton.

**DID YOU KNOW?** By James

ABOUT 12 MILLION CUBIC FT. OF WATER FLOWS OVER NIAGARA FALLS PER MINUTE. THE CANADIAN SIDE OF THE FALLS RECESSES ABOUT 500 FT. A CENTURY, BECAUSE OF EROSION. THE U.S. SIDE RECESSES 15 TO 30 FT. SCIENTISTS SAY WHEN THE FALLS CUT BACK 5 MILES THEY'LL JUST BE RAPIDS.

WHEN HE WAS 6<sup>TH</sup> U.S. PRESIDENT, JOHN QUINCY ADAMS USED TO GO SKINNY-DIPPING IN THE POTOMAC RIVER, WHEN WEATHER PERMITTED.

ROMAN EMPEROR NERO PARTICIPATED IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH THE ATHLETES IN GREECE, BACK IN 66 A.D. (WE DON'T KNOW HOW HE FARED)

The CASSOWARY A FLIGHTLESS AUSTRALIAN BIRD THAT STANDS OVER 5 FT. TALL, CAN RUN 30 M.P.H. THROUGH DENSE FORESTS. ITS LONG, SHARP CLAWS CAN KILL A HUMAN.

The most persistent bird is the Red-eyed vireo, or preacher bird, of North America. It once repeated its song over 22,000 times in a single night.