

County leans toward Baptist Hospital

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Forsyth county commissioners inched closer toward deciding on Baptist Hospital's proposal to assume the mantle of health care in East Winston.

County manager Graham Pervier ticked off a short list of concerns with the proposal, but indicated that the county would be receptive if these features were worked out.

Before proceeding with negotiations, Pervier said, Forsyth county commissioners want to be assured of future care for indi-

gent patients, job security for Reynolds employees, delivery of services, and the size of the new facility.

Commissioners also want all parties to enter the deal with open eyes. Instead of following the model of support that the county uses with Reynolds, most commissioners would like to see Baptist's takeover as more privatization than partnership.

Commissioner Walter Marshall said that approach will make some community members skeptical.

"The more you lean toward privatization, especially [with]

black folks, the less faith they're going to have in you," said Marshall.

The medical center first approached the county late last year with a proposal to build a \$5 million facility off from 14th Street. Baptist promised to cut county subsidies in the first two years of operation to \$4 million, and reduce funding to \$3.75 million over the next three years.

Baptist's involvement hinges on the county's support of uninsured patients with a base-guarantee subsidy. If indigent patients increase or decrease 10 percent, the medical center would

reconsider the baseline for county involvement.

This clause and several other items in the proposal's outline, trouble some commissioners. "We need more meat on the bones," said board chairman Peter Brunstetter. "We could get to the end of this and find there isn't an acceptable arrangement."

Last year, the county dedicated \$4.6 million, or less than 2 percent of the budget, to fund Reynolds Health Center.

Pervier predicted that the county would work out a definitive proposal with the medical center within two months.

Five Point looking for help to help others

Five Point Family Assistance, located in the Salem Garden Resource Center, is a program designed to help the needy and the elderly. The program also does recreational activities for the youth in the community. Twice each month, Five Point serves senior citizens, the sick and shut-ins.

Five Point is soliciting monetary gifts and donations of meat, canned goods and clothes to keep their program going in full force. They are asking the help of churches and civic-minded organizations for support in this effort. Call Jackie Wilson at 788-2901 or Doretha Watson at 785-2661.

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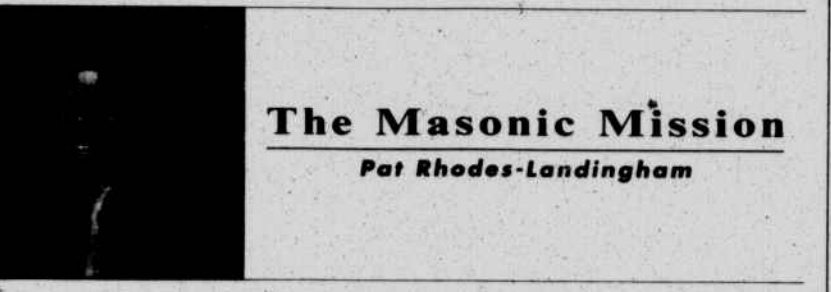
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For Better ... Or for Worse

That's right! There's going to be a wedding. "Manless Wedding" ... and you're all invited. The dress code is "Early fleamarket" by Sethos.

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into overtime because we couldn't get the cast to stop laughing. Deputy of the Desert Doris Robinson should get an Oscar for her performance. There is no sanity in this production. You'll get a mixture of a shot-gun wedding ... but



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Their 50th anniversary next month. We will keep you apprised of all the activities leading up to and culminating this historic occasion.

If you are up to a rib-shaking, knee-slapping, "tear-iffic" good time, I highly recommend you make your way to the Masonic Hall on 14th Street this Saturday, May 31, at 5 p.m. to witness the greatest wedding ever held.

I saw the rehearsal last week and I was floored. The rehearsal went

without the gun, and the two families bear a close resemblance to the McCoys and the Hatfields. I can't let all the details out. You have to be there to enjoy this craziness. It's a family thing, so please bring the children.

The casting manager, director and producer is First Lieutenant Queen Cooper. Daughter Yvette Tolliver is the illustrious commandress. Noble Clark Hanner is the noble advisor.

Fashion Show

The radio station, WSMX 1500 AM, will sponsor, "The Women of Elegance", a fashion show and luncheon scheduled for Saturday, July 12, at noon. The show will feature first ladies of area churches and women in the ministry. All those wishing to participate in this event are asked to contact the WSMX business office at 761-0730 during normal

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