

East Erwin Plans Revival



REV. DOUG WILLETT



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East Erwin Baptist Church announces the beginning of a tent meeting, August 16, at 11:00 a. m. A 50 x 80 foot tent is located at the corner of 4th and "H" St. behind the Union building in East Erwin.

Rev. Doug Willett, pastor of the church, will be preaching and Rev. Van Laney, minister and revival song leader from Hattiesburg, Miss. will be directing the music.

Sunday marks the date of a special annual homecoming with dinner on the grounds. At 2:00 o'clock there will be special singing featuring the Fowler Trio, Wiggins Trio, Haze Phillips and his Youth Choir, and the Turnage Family.

The East Erwin choir will render three numbers entitled, "How Great Thou Art", "It Took A Miracle," and "He Lives."

Rev. Carl Callaway, pastor of the Methodist Church of Erwin, will preach in the two o'clock service.

Great programs have been planned each night, said Rev. Willett, with special music from prominent known trios and quartets including the East Erwin Choir and the

brotherhood choir from the First Baptist Church.

Even though Rev. Willett will be bringing the messages there will be many prominent men of different denominations and walks of life giving testimonies. These will be some who will be giving their testimonies: Leonidas Jackson, Pete Pate, Moody Graham, Alton Stephenson, Haze Phillips, Jack Brock, Floyd Glover, Tony Harper, Tommy Thomas, Edgar Bain, Paul Drew, Arthur Fowler, J. C. Pollard and several deacons from the East Erwin Baptist Church.

A nursery will be provided each night for children birth through three years of age.

Rev. Willett extends to everyone an invitation to worship with them during this revival.

BROTHER BURIED

Cary Augustus Privott, 46, of Edenton, died Sunday. He was a brother of Mrs. Mary Roy of Lillington. Funeral services were held this afternoon.

Mayor

"It would be better to hold it up for five years than to mislocate it and shackle our town with an intolerable financial burden for years to come. I'm thinking of the future, not just about right now," declared Blalock.

The mayor warned that "It's already clear that this hospital is going to cost the taxpayers a lot more than anybody had any idea of and unless we locate it so that it will be accessible to the county, we can't expect any help with it."

"This thing is too big, too important for such a mistake to be made," he continued. "In fact, it's almost too big an undertaking for a town the size of Dunn."

Showdown Near

Mayor Blalock made his statement today as a showdown neared in the controversy which has been raging here for over a month. After several sites were inspected by the State Medical Care Commission, one in Lakeside Village, offered free of charge by Dunn Enterprises, was approved by the hospital board and submitted to the town council.

A majority of the council members reportedly were ready to approve the Lakeside site, but the mayor blocked the move until two sites on the west side of town were inspected. He announced yesterday that Mrs. McKay's site had been found very satisfactory by Medical Care.

As soon as formal notification is received from Medical Care, Chairman Myres Tilghman and members of the hospital board will meet to reaffirm their preference of the Lakeside site or to recommend another. It will then be up to the city council to make the final choice.

Even the hospital board is split on the choice, declared Blalock. He said the best he can learn Chairman Tilghman, Wash Bannerman, Henry H. Sandlin, George Carroll and Dr. Clarence L. Corbett favor the Lakeside location, while Dr. Ralph Johnson, Louis Baer, Marvin Raynor and Raymond Cromartin favor the west side. Only one member of the hospital

trustees would have to switch to change its recommendation, pointed out Blalock.

He quoted Sect. William Henderson of Medical Care as stating at a meeting here last week that one of the chief aims of his commission is to locate the hospital where most people want it since public support is absolutely mandatory.

Controversy Normal

"Mr. Henderson told me," said Blalock, "that he's not concerned about the controversy, that there's usually a controversy in every town or county over a location, but that doesn't enter into the picture."

Blalock said he was pointing this out to refute the claim that the local dispute over a site is hurting the town's chances of getting support from Medical Care and Hill-Burton funds.

"They've made just about every claim," charged Blalock, who was visibly aroused. "They've had the nerve and the gall to accuse me of playing politics, they've personally insulted me, slurred me, reflected on my integrity and honor. But even that doesn't bother me; my obligation and my responsibility is to the people."

"They've tried to make people think that they're aloof of politics," charged Blalock, "but who do they think they're kidding? The minute they asked the town to take over the hospital, they put it in politics. And they kept it in politics when they asked support of public officials, and support of the taxpayers in a bond issue."

"There's nothing wrong with politics," continued the mayor, "as long as you play the game openly and fairly. But when they adopted a resolution withdrawing their hospital offer to the town at one point in a political tactic against me, that was going too far."

"It was also going too far when two officials of the hospital board held a secret meeting with three members of the city council to try to get policies adopted more conducive to private operations than public operations. And it was going too far when one of their representatives threatened to postpone the whole hospital project until they could elect another mayor next year because I had the courage to stand up and oppose them."

Will Cost More

The mayor said it is already obvious that operation of the hospital is going to cost a lot more than expected. For one thing, he said,

Henderson had told him that the staff would have to be employed and the hospital put into full operation before a single patient is admitted in order to secure approval.

"Such things as that cost money, too," he reminded. He also pointed out that when citizens voted for the hospital they agreed to a 25 cents increased levy for operation of the hospital and also agreed for bonds to be issued to pay the town's portion of the cost.

"I do not intend for taxes to be raised anymore than necessary," declared Blalock. "And in order to avoid this, it is obvious we are going to have to get help from the county especially on future expansion and we can't get that help by locating the hospital in one extreme end of the county instead of putting it on the other side of town where it would be more accessible to citizens from every section of Harnett."

The patients from Johnston and Sampson come to the present hospital on the west side. They will come to the new one on the west. We must also cultivate and seek out the complete support of all people in Harnett County.

The mayor said it could be made into a county medical center and that assistance from the county will be required.

"I don't intend to go out of office and pass on such a burden to my successor," said Blalock. "I don't operate that way. By the time the new hospital has been operated a few years, every member of the present hospital board will have completed his term and gone off. But town government and town taxes have to go on."

The mayor was critical of the fact that two of the owners of Dunn Enterprises attended the meeting with Medical Care representatives last week "in an attempt to sell them on their site."

"I don't know if they were invited or not, but they had no business there."

The mayor said one of them Mr. O. W. Godwin, Sr., took digs at him in his remarks "in bringing up points that offered nothing new or constructive, things that I was already well aware of and threw off on me in front of a large crowd. My name wasn't called, but it was obvious by his look at me and remarks as to whom he was referring to."

Recalling that he was the only member of the city council who

really got out and worked for the hospital, in public statements and in two radio speeches, Blalock said: "Yet two or three times I've had them stick their finger at me and ask, 'George, did you really vote for the hospital?' I considered it a personal insult. Everybody knows I worked for it and voted for it; I'm no hypocrite and people who know me know that I'm not."

The mayor said, "I'm getting tired of such abuse as this and I don't intend to take any more of it. The people know that I'm on their side; they know my position is the only logical one the mayor of this town could or ought to take, and I don't intend to move from that position."

"I'll sacrifice reelection if I have to, but in years to come my insistence on the westside location and my previous insistence on public matters will be vindicated," concluded the mayor.

Two Couples Are Divorced

Two couples were granted divorces in Harnett Recorder's Court.

Alfred Gregory Card was given a divorce from Annie Willard Card on grounds of two years separation and Maxine Barbour Moore was given a divorce from William Arthur Moore on grounds of adultery.

CONTRACT VOIDED

Marcelle Brown Jr., a minor, by his next friend Marcelle Brown, seeking to get back \$150 he had paid on a contract with a correspondence school alleged that the contract was signed by a minor, and also that the plaintiff's physician because of ill health of plaintiff had advised him against taking a course in the school for this kind of work.

Plaintiff had asked that the money be returned and contract broken in which he was to pay a total of \$645 for the 3 weeks training course, and the school had refused to do so.

Court found that the plaintiff was a minor at the time the contract was made, and ordered the plaintiff to recover the amount of \$150 with interest from February 9, 1963 when contract was signed until paid, together with costs of this action.

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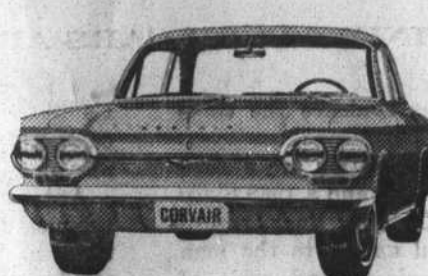
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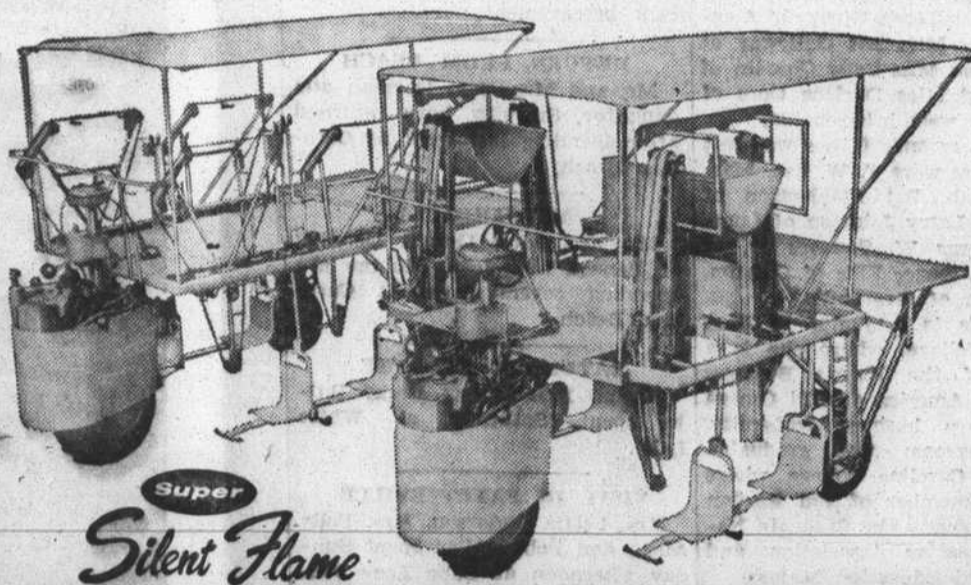
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