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CONSULTANTS COMING

Conference Will Aid In College Planning

A planning conference for the Western Piedmont Community College will be held here Friday and Saturday to guide the development of a new institution soon to be built in Burke County.

Dr. Herbert F. Stallworth, president of the college, said three outstandings educators

will come here as consultants to participate in workshop sessions to be held in Morganton's city hall.

The work conference — with accent on "work" — will open at 9 a.m. Friday and continue until 5:30 p.m. Saturday's session will be even fuller — extending from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Consultants taking part will be Dr. Samuel Baskin, director of program development and research in education at Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio; Dr. Kenneth R. Williams, president of Florida Atlantic University at Boca Raton; and Dr. Raymond Schultz, professor of higher education at Florida State University, Tallahassee.

President Stallworth said, trustees of the college, public school leaders from eight counties, county officials and others interested in the development of the comprehensive community college have been invited to attend the conference which will represent a pooling of the best educational thought in the country for adaptation to the needs of this area.

The president said the college is fortunate to be able to obtain the services of three widely known consultants.

The interest of Dr. Baskin in higher education in this country has led him into intensive work in the experimental application of the theory of democracy to the problem of education. His experimental work in the organization of the learning proves, in the teacher-student relationship and in the organization of higher education generally causes his counsel to be in wide demand, it was pointed out.

Dr. Williams' wide experi-

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ence includes positions as dean of students and dean of the College of Education of the University of Georgia; chief of the civilian staff of the University of the Air at Maxwell Field; first president of the Central Florida Junior College; first president of the Miami-Dade Junior College; and first president of Florida Atlantic University. Dr. Williams has served in a wide variety of institutional planning efforts at all levels in this country and abroad.

Dr. Schultz has a distinguished background in the preparation of comprehensive community college presidents, deans and teachers, Dr. Stallworth said. He is a leader in the field of higher education generally and in the comprehensive community college field in particular, and he serves widely as an advisor on comprehensive community college developments.

This is the first of several planning conferences which will bring to leaders of the region the counsel of qualified experts regarding the organization, construction and operation of Burke's college.

Based upon the results of the conference, the president will prepare recommendations to the board of trustees and when approved with any modifications considered necessary the document will serve as the official policy basis for further planning.

Participants in the intensive two-day workshop will not be "flying blind" when they assemble. President Stallworth has prepared in manual form an outline of over 60 pages as an agenda or guide, giving the background of the college movement, the area, and subjects to be discussed.