

WPCC TO START CLASSES FEB. 20

Adult Basic Education, H.S. Completion Classes Planned

Western Piedmont Community College today announced the starting date of Adult Basic Education and High School Completion classes as February 20.

"This is a golden opportunity for those local persons who desire additional education," it was pointed out.

In the 1966-67 school year over 30,000 adults in North Carolina took advantage of these opportunities to continue their education, and this number will be much larger during the 1967-68 year.

According to the latest survey figures there are some 13,000 people in Burke County who can benefit by one or both of these programs.

Adult Basic Education classes are being sponsored jointly by the Burke County Board of Education, the Glen Alpine City School Board, the Morganton City School Board, and Western Piedmont Community College.

The college is administering the program, furnishing all materials and teachers, while the local boards of education are furnishing classrooms and assisting in securing teachers.

Brooks E. Piercy Jr., director of Adult Education and Community Services for the college, stated that money for supporting this program is provided by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1963.

He is very hopeful that many of the people of Burke County will take advantage of this opportunity to upgrade their education. There will be no charge for this instruction. Books, materials and supplies will be furnished.

Return or Mail to:

Director of Adult Education

Western Piedmont Community College

P. O. Drawer 549

Morganton, North Carolina 28655

☐ I would like to enroll in the Adult Basic Education Classes to complete the eighth grade.

☐ I would like to enroll in the High School Diploma Program.

Name

Address

Telephone

These classes will be conducted in any part of the county where twelve persons express interest.

The classes are designed to teach reading, writing, arithmetic, civics, personal letter writing, personal financial management, and other useful subjects to individuals who have for any reason not completed their elementary school education.

Any person over eighteen (18) years old, regardless of sex or race, will be welcome to enter these classes. Classes will meet in two or three hours sessions, twice a week. The exact schedule will be worked out for the convenience of each class group.

The high school completion program is sponsored jointly by Western Piedmont Community College and the Burke County

Board of Education leading to the awarding of the high school diploma.

This program will be for those persons who have completed the ABE classes, finished the eighth grade, or who dropped out of high school for one reason or another.

This program will be geared to adults and will enable a person to continue his or her high school education. Placement

A course in driver training for adults will be sponsored by Western Piedmont Community College. Registration will end Feb. 6 and a fee of \$16 will be charged for the course.

The class will be limited to 72 students and interested persons should contact the adult education office at WPCC. To be eligible to enroll, persons should contact the adult education office at WPCC. To be eligible to enroll, persons must be at least 18 years of age and not a student in the public schools.

The course will be similar to that taught in the high schools and will consist of 30 hours of classroom instruction, 12 hours of observation and instruction in the car and six hours of actual driving.

Mrs. Theresa J. Burkert, assistant librarian at Western Piedmont Community College, will be among 30 attending the 1968 Institute in Educational Media for College and University Personnel which opens with a two-day orientation period Friday and Saturday at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The main purpose of the institute, financed by a grant from the Higher Education Branch of the U.S. Office of Education, is to help college faculties learn to make better use of educational media in undergraduate level teaching.

Participants, in addition to the weekend orientation period, will view a series of 14 related educational television programs on the university's network, WUNC-TV, and then return to the campus for two more, in-training sessions in the spring. Broadcasts will be each Thursday at 4 p.m.