

FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

C Of C Directors Ask Bond Support

The board of directors of the Morganton Chamber of Commerce last night instructed its education committee to complete a successful campaign by getting the voters to turn out and approve a bond issue to finance a Burke County community college.

During the monthly meeting, Stanley Moore, chairman of the education committee, reported to the board that the college has been approved by the State Board of Education and that the Burke County Board of Commissioners have set March 21 as the date for the bond election.

Chamber President Paul Cash commended the education committee on a job well done and said the approval of the community college is the only earth-shaking project accomplished by the chamber this year.

Cash requested that the committee remain active until after the election by urging residents of the county to vote approval of the \$1 million bond issue to help construct the facilities and a five-cent tax levy per \$100 property valuation to help support the institution. The approval of the bonds and special tax will be the final crown of success for the committee, Cash said.

Cash announced that the annual membership banquet for the chamber will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 at the community house. He is urging all members to make their reservations early.

Last night's meeting was the last regular board meeting that Cash will preside over, since new officers will be installed during the annual banquet. Cash thanked all officers and directors for their cooperation during the last year and commended them on a job well done.

During the committee reports, Sam Westbrook, chairman of the agriculture committee, requested that the chamber continue its efforts in supporting the community development programs in Burke County.

The board also went on record as being against the "little federal plan" that North Carolina voters decided on today.

In spite of adverse weather conditions, there were 22 board members, committee members and officers at the meeting.