

Commissioners Pick Four College Trustees

Appointment of four trustees for Burke's community college was announced today by the board of county commissioners.

After conferring with representatives of the community college steering committee, commissioners approved for the college board the following:

G. Maurice Hill, president of Drexel Furniture Company.

C. E. Yoder, Hildebran merchant.

Thad M. (Jack) Poteat of Drexel, assistant manager and sales manager of Burke Farmers Dairy.

Ben E. Hoffmeyer, superintendent of the North Carolina School for the Deaf.

Appointments were approved by the county board at a special meeting Friday night when recommendations were received from the college steering committee.

Four trustees remain to be appointed by the governor to round out the 12-member board for the comprehensive community college approved by Burke voters in a special election March 21.

First appointments came last week when the three school boards, each with one vote in the selection of four trustees, held a joint meeting and named Earl M. Spencer of Valdese, president of Valdese Manufacturing Company; Frank C. Patton, Morganton attorney; Dr. C. L. Walton, Glen Alpine physician and chairman of the Glen Alpine school board; and Robert P. Carr, engineer and Morganton's city manager.

Under the community college act, county commissioners appoint four trustees, the school boards appoint four, and the governor names four.

As soon as Governor Terry Sanford makes his appointments, the college board will be called to meet to organize, to receive instructions from representatives of the Department of Community Colleges at Raleigh, to begin the task of selecting a president and formally purchasing a site for the college.

Initial appointments are for terms of varying lengths, and all future appointments will be for eight-year terms. This will mean that terms of three of the twelve trustees will expire on June 30 on odd-numbered years. Under the law, every two years will bring the appointment of one trustee from each appointing agency — county commissioners, school boards and governor.

In their special meeting Friday night, commissioners designated the terms of the first appointees as follows: Hill, to See COMMISSIONERS page 3-A

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expire June 30, 1965; Yoder, June 30, 1967; Poteat, June 30, 1969; Hoffmeyer, June 30, 1971.

Commissioners received a written report from the steering committee, appointed by the board to conduct the campaign for the college election.

Hill has been a member of the steering committee from the time it was first formed as a voluntary citizens group. He was spokesman for a Burke County delegation appearing before the State Board of Education last September in support of the local request for one of the comprehensive community colleges authorized by the 1963 General Assembly.

Yoder, operator of a grocery store at Hildebran, is a former member of the Hildebran school committee. He is an active member of the Mount Hebron Lutheran Church. He served as regional chairman for the college pre-election campaign in eastern Burke County.

Poteat, a member of the Drexel school committee, was a supporter of the community college movement as was the Burke Farmers Dairy. He is a former president of the Drexel Lions Club and the Drexel Community Club.

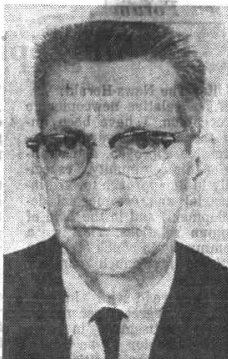
Hoffmeyer, as head of the School for the Deaf, was among the earliest advocates of a community college. Over two years ago he cited what such a college could do in the field of special education as well as in the training of future employees for the complex State institutions in this area.

In the earlier appointments by the three boards of education, terms of office in the pattern prescribed by law were set as follows: Dr. Walton, to June 30, 1965; Patton, 1967; Spencer, 1969; Carr, 1971.

In the commissioners' meeting, the steering committee was represented by Dr. E. W. Phifer Jr., chairman, Stanley Moore and County Attorney Livingston Vernon who reported the committee was in unanimous agreement in a session held Tuesday night.



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