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TO COMPLETE 12-MAN BOARD

Governor Names Four Trustees For College

Governor Terry Sanford today announced appointment of four trustees for the Burke County community college recently authorized in a special election.

Named to the 12-member board were:

Dr. E. W. Phifer Jr., Morganton surgeon.

Eugene M. White of Lenoir, assistant superintendent of Caldwell County schools.

E. P. (Sandy) Dameron, Marion attorney.

W. Stanley Moore, editor of The News-Herald, Morganton.

The governor's appointments, announced in Raleigh shortly before noon today, rounds out the initial board for the community college. Under the 1963 act of the General Assembly, four trustees are appointed by the board of county commissioners, four by the school boards within the county, and four by the governor.

The eight trustees already appointed are: Dr. C. L. Walton, prominent physician and chairman of the Glen Alpine school board; Frank C. Patton, Morganton attorney and a leading member of the community college steering committee; Earl M. Spencer of Valdese, president

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dent of the Valdese Manufacturing Company; Robert P. Carr, Morganton's city manager and an engineer; G. Maurice Hill, president of Drexel Furniture Company; C. E. Yoder, Wildebrom merchant; Ben E. Hoffmeyer, superintendent of the North Carolina School for the Deaf; and Thad M. Poteat of Drexel, assistant manager and sales manager of Burke Farmers Dairy.

With the appointments completed with the governor's selections, the board is expected to meet soon to organize and to begin work toward selecting a president for the college and engaging an architect to start plans for constructing college buildings.

First appointments are made for varying length of term, and all future appointments will be for eight-year terms so that each of the three appointing agencies will have one trustee to be named every two years.

The governor's appointees were named for the following tenure: White, to June 30, 1965; Moore, to June 30, 1967; Dameron, June 30, 1969; Phifer, June 30, 1971.

Dr. Phifer, a well-known surgeon, was chairman of the community college steering committee, having been the moving force in the movement from its beginning over two years ago.

He is widely recognized as a student of local history, having been the writer of numerous historical articles, including one which won for him the Ramsdell award offered by the Southern Historical Association. He was founder and first president of the Burke County Historical Society.

Dr. Phifer, who is currently chief of staff at Grace Hospital, is a member of the N. C. Board of Archives and History, a trustee and member of the visiting committee of Davidson College.

Dr. Phifer was recently honored as Morganton's Man of the year for 1963, largely for his work on the community college.

Mr. White has spent most of his career in public education in Caldwell County where he is now assistant superintendent of schools. He is a native of Catawba County. He was teacher at Hudson High School, later principal and district superintendent at Hudson.

White was highly recommended for the community college board by C. M. Abernethy, Caldwell's superintendent of schools. White has done extensive work in secondary school curriculum and has been a leader in setting up the pilot vocational project for which Caldwell County was recently approved.

White, a Rotarian, lives on Cajahs Mountain where his home affords a panoramic view of much of the area to be served by the community college in Burke County.

Dameron, a distinguished lawyer in Marion, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina where he played center on the basketball team in the late 1920's and early 30's.

He is a former president of the Marion Kiwanis Club and has been prominent in civic and religious affairs. He is active in the Western North Carolina Episcopal diocese.

Moore has been a member of the community college steering committee and has also been serving as chairman of the education committee of the Chamber of Commerce. He formerly served for a time on the county board of education.



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