



Florida Man To Head Community College

President Chosen By Board

**Dr. Herbert Stallworth
To Begin Duties
Here October 5**

Dr. Herbert F. Stallworth, prominent figure in Florida educational circles, has been selected as president of Burke County community college.

His appointment was announced here today by the board of trustees after confirming approval was received from the State Board of Education, meeting in Raleigh this afternoon.

Dr. Stallworth, 41-year old native of Alabama, is currently serving as assistant director of the Florida Board of Control which administers that state's university system.

He is resigning to take over his new duties here October 5.

Stallworth, now making his home at Tallahassee, had experience in administration and teaching in community junior colleges in Florida before becoming chief education officer in the university system.

He was the unanimous choice of trustees of the comprehensive community college soon to be built in Burke County. The board's action on a report of a special presidential selection committee followed consideration of a number of top-flight educators, it was pointed out.

The Burke college, yet to be named, was authorized by the State and approved by voters of the county by a record-breaking 17-to-1 margin in a special election March 1.

In speaking for the board of trustees, Dr. E. W. Philfer Jr., chairman, said, "We feel that Burke County is fortunate in obtaining as president a man with the broad and rich educational background and experience which Dr. Stallworth possesses."

In accepting the appointment, Dr. Stallworth, from his office in Tallahassee, said, "The family and I look forward to living and working in Burke County and to know and serve its people."

"It would be my purpose and expectation to build a community college of distinction which would merit the attention and approval of the higher education community," he declared.

The institution here is one of the first five comprehensive community colleges authorized by the State Board of Education under the Community College Act of 1963.

Trustees pointed out that selection of a president is the important first step toward establishing a community college. Picking architects, planning construction and assembling a staff will follow. Steps are already under way toward purchase of a site on Interstate 40 at the U.S. 64 interchange from the State of North Carolina, the tract being part of the N. C. School for the Deaf property.

Upon his arrival October 5, Dr. Stallworth is expected to have temporary office space in the new city hall until separate offices can be established. The Morganton city council recently offered space for a president and secretary in the municipal building. It is expected that other offices will be rented soon. When other key leaders are named for the college until buildings are completed on the campus.

The board of trustees has tentatively set the fall of 1966 for opening the college.

Planning and organizing educational institutions are nothing new to Dr. Stallworth. Since March 1962 when he became assistant director of the Board of Control of Florida, under Dr. J. Broward Culpepper, executive director, he has assisted in the development of two degree-granting institutions in the university system.

He was picked as assistant director of the Board of Control after he had served as academic

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dean and assisted the president of the Dade County Junior College at Miami in organizing and getting it under way.

Dr. Stallworth, who was born in Consul, Ala., Jan. 1, 1923, entered the University of Florida where he received his B.A. degree with honors in 1948, majoring in political science and history.

He continued graduate studies there to receive his master's degree the following year in public administration in political science. His master's thesis was in municipal administration.

In 1951 he received his doctor of education (Ed.D.) degree from the University of Florida in 1951 in the field of teacher education. His doctoral dissertation was on moral standards in education.

While holding a half-time teaching assistantship during his doctoral work, a group of undergraduate students in the College of Education voted him "best teacher."

He served an internship in junior college level teaching.

Dr. Stallworth served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II, having enlisted March 15, 1941, prior to Pearl Harbor, and served for three years and eight months.

Early in his career he entered the industrial field, serving as industrial engineer and director of statistical quality control for textile mills in Alabama and later as employee relations manager and personnel and labor relations manager for sugar industries in New Orleans and also in the Dominican Republic.

In education he served as supervising principal in public schools, assistant professor of government and history and coordinator of student recruitment at Jacksonville Junior College.

When he went to the new Dade County Junior College at Miami as dean of administration, he served in various capacities, including that of vice - president and acting president on occasion. It was on the basis of his record there for two years that Dr. Culpepper picked him as No. 2 man in the university system.

His current professional activities are numerous. He is secretary of the Council of Presidents of the State University System of Florida, chairman of the university system - wide committee on trimester operation, vice - chairman of the university system - wide committee on role and scope, member of the State Advisory Committee on Adult Education, member and secretary of the Governor's Professional Committee for Relating Public Secondary and Higher Education, member and secretary of the State University System's Admissions Committee, secretary of the Florida Certification Committee and State Fulbright Scholarship committee, member and secretary of both the Interinstitutional Committee on Continuing Studies and the State Advisory Council on Continuing Studies.

He has served as chairman of various State university system committees on the articulation of instruction in public junior colleges and degree-granting institutions. He also had responsibility for coordinating implementation of the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963 in Florida.

Dr. Stallworth has not limited his concern to the academic, Vocational and technical education, which will be part of North Carolina's comprehensive community college program, has drawn his interest. He developed and carried out several such programs in industry, and has had a bit of vocational and technical training himself, including a one - year apprenticeship in carpentry, attendance at a radio operations and material school for six months, a nine-months radio engineering school, and a short course in statistical quality control.

Dr. Stallworth and his wife, Mrs. Yvette Stallworth, have two children, both girls. They are Beth, 16, who is entering the University of South Florida at Tampa this fall to study political science, and Ann, 9, who will be in the fourth grade in the Morganton schools.

The family spends as much time as possible together, and family hobbies have included fishing, golf, music and horseback riding. The Stallworths have indicated they expect to do some hiking and camping in North Carolina.



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