



2011 Inductee

JOSEPH "SCOOP" McCrARY

If ever there was an institution on the local sports scene, it could have been none other than Joe "Scoop" McCrary, the seemingly omnipresent sports editor for The Dispatch from 1948 to 1972.

McCrory kept Davidson County readers informed of the activities of the Lexington and all the county high school athletic programs during that span. Usually you could tell who he was by his pencil, pad, camera and fedora.

McCrory came to Lexington from Salisbury, where he was the sports editor of The Post from 1944 to 1948.

When he came to The Dispatch, he also assumed duties as city editor and chief photographer.

In 1968, he received the North Carolina Tennis Association sportswriter's award.

He was a charter member of the Atlantic Coast Conference Sportswriters Association. In addition, he was a member of the Lexington Recreation Commission, where he served four terms as chairman; he was a member of the Lexington YMCA board of directors where he served 14 years as publicity chairman; he was a member of the Lexington Little League Commission and helped with organizing leagues; he was on the Western Carolina Baseball League



board of directors where he helped with the formation of the league; and he was on the board of directors for the Lexington Baseball Club.

McCrory died on Dec. 29, 1972.