

# The Warren Record

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## Block Grant Hearing Set For Warren

The Warren County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program on Monday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 222 S. Salisbury Street, Warrenton, Oregon. The hearing is the first of a series of public hearings to be held throughout the county in the next few weeks. The purpose of the hearing is to allow citizens to voice their opinions on the proposed CDBG program. The program is a federal initiative to provide financial assistance to local governments for community development projects. The Warren County Board of Commissioners will be responsible for allocating the funds to various projects throughout the county.

The Department of Natural Resources and Community Development is the state agency responsible for the administration of the program. NCRD Secretary Joseph W. Grimsley, feels the public hearings are essential to the continued success of the CDBG effort. Commenting on the upcoming hearings, Grimsley stated, "In order for the CDBG allocation to have the greatest local impact, it is imperative that we continue to work closely with local officials and citizens. We cannot operate in a vacuum and expect the CDBG funds to have the most beneficial effect possible in North Carolina."

Specific topics for discussion at the hearings include modifications in the state CDBG program regulations and the proposed Statement of Program Design for fiscal year 1983. The statement will be forwarded to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development once it is finalized. North Carolina began administering the program during 1982 and awarded approximately \$45 million in Community Development Block Grants to 89 cities and counties for community revitalization, economic development and development planning projects.

Grimsley noted that the method of distributing CDBG funds during the past year worked very well and no significant changes are being proposed. "However, we are continuing to refine the application review and scoring process to improve both the program's effectiveness at the local level and the efficiency of our program administration," he added.

Citizens who wish to comment at the public hearing are asked to register 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the proceedings at both locations. There are 60 million single people in the U. S. today.



TAKE OATHS OF OFFICE - Warren County's three magistrates were sworn in for new two-year terms Saturday morning by Superior Court Clerk R. Earl E. Hunter, Jr. (left to right) Thomas Ross, Jr., Grand Juror and Stephen Howell.

## Farmers Urged To Finish Forms For Federal Census

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CHRISTMAS CHEER - Norlina Middle School students Samantha Branch, Nancy Cooper and Melony Dortch are shown with provisions collected for a needy family with five children which was the beneficiary of generosity on the part of the students, faculty and staff during the Christmas season. A load of wood accompanied the gifts, Mary Pat McGhee, school librarian and director of the PTA-endorsed project, said.

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The report of Frank Twitty, dog warden, was submitted as follows: Number of dogs answered, 86; dogs picked up 73; killed 65; given away 8; confined only persons bitten, 4; number of miles driven, 1,328.7.

The Inspection Department's monthly report was submitted by Chester A. Forrester, III, director, as follows: Inspections were made as follows: electrical 38; insulation 20; and fire 3; permits written included zoning 9; and insulation 5. Fire director drove a total of 1,126 miles during December.

Other reports were received and filed. Board Meeting Is Brief Affair

Norlina commissioners meeting for only 20 minutes on Monday night—discussed parking problems and other routine business at the year's first session. The only action taken during the board meeting was a decision to reject bids for a surplus dump truck and surplus garbage truck, noting that the bids were too low, and calling for an advertisement seeking new offers.

Buy's Out Store A. Durwood Johnson, who sold the Norlina Supermarket to Ebin Willis of Garner on December 16, has purchased the stock of Jimmie Roberts in J&R Red and White Store in Warrenton and has become its sole owner effective January 1. Roberts has retired.

Johnson, after spending 16 years in the grocery business in Warrenton, operated the Norlina Supermarket for 18 years.