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Mayor B. G. White looks on as Clerk of Court Richard E. Hunter, Jr. administers the oath of office to Warrenton's six returning town commissioners and to first-time commissioner, Ray Shearin, during the regular December meeting Monday night in the Town Hall.

Pictured from left to right are: Commissioners A. A. Wood, Bobby Edmonds, Ray Shearin, Eddie Clayton, W. A. Miles, Phil Daniel and Charles White; Clerk of Court Hunter and Mayor White.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Surplus Food Is Available

The National Guard Armory will be the distribution point on Wednesday, Dec. 18, for the winter quarterly distribution of USDA surplus foods, Julian Farrar, Social Services director stated this week.

This distribution will include six food items: rice, flour, cheese, milk, corn meal and honey.

All active food stamp households have received a computer printed authorization card that will serve as application and certification. This card must be presented at the armory by food stamp households who plan to participate in the commodity program, Farrar said.

Low income families who wish to participate in the distribution with income at or below the following gross income levels will qualify.

Family Size	Income
1	\$ 569
2	764
3	959
4	1,154
5	1,349

Distribution is expected to begin about 7:30 a. m. and end around 4 p. m.

Anyone picking up for an invalid or household individual must bring a signed statement from the individual showing income and their approval of the food to be received by the representative, Farrar added.

Food Stamp households needing someone to pick up food for them will need to write the name of the person to pick up the food on the back of the card and sign their own name on the right hand side of the card before giving the card to the person who is to receive the food, according to the guidelines.

Tax Collections Given

Warren County received \$184,694.39 from the county sales and use tax levies for the quarter ending Sept. 30, according to a report from the State Department of Revenue.

Tax proceeds distributed among municipalities in the county were: Warrenton, \$11,485.21; Norlina,



Clerk of Superior Court Richard E. Hunter, Jr., left, conducts the swearing-in ceremony for Mayor B. G. White, who Monday night began his fourth term as Warrenton's mayor.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Town Government Officials Receive Oaths Of Office

By MARY C. HARRIS
Staff Writer

Wheels were set in motion Monday night for the beginning of a new term of office for the Warrenton Town Board as Mayor B. G. White and seven commissioners were sworn in by Clerk of Superior Court Richard E. Hunter, Jr.

Taking the oath of office along with the six returning commissioners was new commissioner, Ray Shearin, who ran unopposed in the November election for the seat vacated some months ago by the death of Commissioner Gordon Haithcock. Councilmen resuming their places on the board included Eddie Clayton, Phil Daniel, Bobby Edmonds, W. A. Miles, Charles White and A. A. Wood.

The board made the following appointments of town personnel: V. R. (Pete) Vaughan, town administrator; Freddie Robinson, chief of police; Bill Neal, water superintendent; W. C. Williams, street superintendent; Carolyn

Robertson, bookkeeper and deputy tax collector; and Leon Cheek, fire chief. The appointees were designated to serve at the pleasure of the board and not for a specified period of time.

In another personnel matter, the board voted to offer Debbie Formyduval, assistant town clerk, who recently tendered her resignation, a salary increase of \$125 per month if she would consider remaining in the town's employ until July 1. The recent transfer of the police department to the Town Hall necessitated new responsibilities for Mrs. Formyduval, according to Town Administrator Vaughan.

The commissioners further voted to compensate former policeman Eugene Mustian for the unpaid overtime hours during his tenure on the police force at the rate of pay in force during the year involved.

County Parks and Recreation Director Dickie Williams appeared before the board to request a lease agreement for use of one acre of land owned by the town at the Warrenton Railroad property. Commissioners Edmonds, Wood and Clayton were appointed to meet with county officials and the town attorney to work out arrangements for the lease. Williams indicated that the land would be used for recreational activities.

Commissioner Wood, reporting for a commit-

tee on which he served with Commissioners Edmonds and Daniel, stated their recommendation that the Veterans Day holiday be added to the list of official holidays to be observed by town employees. At the November meeting Mayor White had appointed the committee to study the personnel policy and report their recommendation.

Police Commissioner Wood reported that the new policemen who had for several weeks been enrolled in school were now on full-time duty with the police force. The department is now one officer short of a full force since the resignation of Policeman Mustian to accept the position of magistrate.

Mayor White was designated by the commissioners to serve as the town's representative to the Region K Council of Governments and Commissioner Miles was selected to serve as alternate.

Rent on the office occupied by the license agency, operated by Mrs. Carolyn Robertson, was increased from \$400 to \$600 per year on a decision by the commissioners.

Committee assignments for the commissioners were announced by Mayor White as follows, with the chairman's name listed first: Finance, Eddie Clayton, Charles White and A. A. Wood; Water, W. A. Miles, A. A. Wood

Campaign Is Planned

The Warren County Board of Health gave its endorsement Monday night to a campaign which Health Director Dennis Retzlaff hopes will give new meaning to the term "public health" in Warren County.

"Partnership for the Public's Health" is a "broad-based campaign to help the general population understand what it means to promote public health," Retzlaff said yesterday.

In the past 10 years, Retzlaff commented, the department has become more geared to providing direct services, such as family planning, to county residents.

With those services has come the notion that the health department exists primarily to provide health care services for those who can't afford to go to a private physician.

"We aren't going to neglect those who need those services," Retzlaff said, "but we need to get back to the basic services of public health."

Public health includes an emphasis on how to prevent illness and how to maintain a healthful lifestyle.

"Too many of us don't think about our health until we're sick and need a doctor," Retzlaff said.

The need for education in areas such as nutrition and child care is especially acute in Warren County where so many live below the poverty level.

While the challenge is formidable, Retzlaff is encouraged by the prospects for success.

"We hear so many negative things about Warren County," he noted. "What encourages me and gives me reason to hope is that because we are a small community, people with determination and enthusiasm can make a difference."

Further details of the campaign will be presented to the Board of Health at its Jan. 7 meeting.

Suffers Stroke

The Rev. John Gill, former pastor of Warrenton Baptist Church, is a patient at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, where he was hospitalized following a stroke last Thursday.

Christmas Parade Is Scheduled For Sunday Afternoon

Two Roanoke Rapids radio personalities will share honors Sunday as grand marshalls of the Warrenton Christmas Parade.

"Cousin Slick" Gray, Jr. and George "Deacon" Campbell, Jr., who broadcast over country music station WPTM, 102.3 FM will part with tradition for the Warrenton parade. Instead of riding as most grand marshalls do in a convertible with the top down, they will travel the parade route in a wagon drawn by Inez resident Earl Williams' mule team.

Gray hosts a nightly radio show of country, bluegrass, and gospel music from 7 to 11 p. m. on WPTM and Campbell hosts a gospel music show on the same station.

Campbell is chairman of Hairologists, Inc. and president of Roanoke Beauty Systems in Roanoke Rapids.

Among the entries in the parade registered as of Monday afternoon were Northside Brownie and Girl Scout Troop, Jordan Hill Baptist Church float; American Legion Post 308 of Littleton float; Warren County High School Marching Band, Up and Coming 4-H Club with car and truck and Douglas Mustian with a truck.

Parade sponsors, Warren County Jaycees, will also have a float in the parade.

The parade will begin at Mariam Boyd School at 3 p. m. and continue down Main Street, ending at Warren County Fairgrounds on Ridgeway Street.

Those with float entries are asked to assemble at the school by 1:30. Marching units are to assemble at 2.

Mayors of Warren's three municipalities and county commissioners have been invited to ride in the parade, which will also feature Santa Claus.

Anyone interested in participating in the parade should contact Walter Gardner, at 257-3104 or 257-4307 no later than Saturday morning.

Seasonal Factors Blamed

Jobless Rate Here Rises

The unemployment rate in Warren County, as in most counties and metropolitan areas of North Carolina, rose slightly during October, according to a recent report from the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina.

"We believe the increase, which is not statistically significant, is due to seasonal factors," stated Bob Camp-



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Filing Start Set For Next Month

The filing date for candidates for the November 1986 election will begin Jan. 6 at noon and end Feb. 3 at noon, according to Ruby Jones, supervisor of elections for Warren County.

The outcome of nine local races will be determined by Warren County voters next year, including those for three seats on the Board of County Commissioners.

Incumbents in those positions are Eva M. Clayton, representing River, Roanoke and Sixpound townships; George Shearin, representing Sandy Creek, Shocco and Fork townships; and Francis Alston, representing Nutbush, Smith Creek and Hawtree townships.

Seats from District 1 and 4 on the Board of Education are also up for election. Henry Pitchford currently represents District 1, Warrenton Township; and Yarbrough Williams represents District 4, Sandy Creek, Shocco and Fork townships.

Other races to be determined locally are for Warren County Clerk of Court, a post now held by Richard E. Hunter, Jr., Warren County Sheriff, now held by Theodore R. Williams, and two district supervisors for the Soil and Water Conservation Board, now held by Nat

B. White and John Kilian.

Two other elections in which Warren County voters will participate are those for N.C. House and Senate seats.

Frank W. Ballance, Jr., Seventh District representative, has announced that he will run for the Second District Senate Seat now held by J. J. "Monk" Harrington.

Enfield attorney Thomas Hardaway has announced his intention to run for the seat being vacated by Ballance.

Former Norlina

Minister Dies

Funeral services for Millard W. Warren, Sr., retired United Methodist Church minister, will be conducted today (Wednesday) at 3 p. m. at Lakewood United Methodist Church in Durham by the Rev. William W. Snoterly, Jr. and the Rev. Kelly Wilson, III.

Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery, Annex B.

The Rev. Mr. Warren, 81, died Monday evening at the Methodist Retirement Home.

A former pastor of Norlina Methodist Church, he was a native of Blount's Creek in Beaufort County and attended the Washington

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Granville, 4.1 percent; Halifax, 6.6 percent; and Vance, 5.9 percent.

The unemployment rate represents the number of persons unemployed, expressed as a percentage of the civilian labor force, by definition "the sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older in the noninstitutional population but not in the Armed Forces."

bell, ESC public information officer.

The October rate for Warren County was 6.7 percent, up slightly from the September rate of 6.0 percent.

Neighboring counties followed the statewide trend with the exception of Franklin, which registered 5.8 percent in October compared to 6.0 in September. Final October figures for other adjoining counties were: