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District Attorney Vic Feazell was sworn in after being re-elected in November

Election victors take office

Oaths of office were the order of the day at the McLennan County Courthouse.

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There was a lot of swearing going on Wednesday in the McLennan County Courthouse.

An overflow crowd packed the commissioners court meeting room to see the county's elected officials take oaths of offices.

Outgoing County Judge Stanley Rentz swore in many of them.

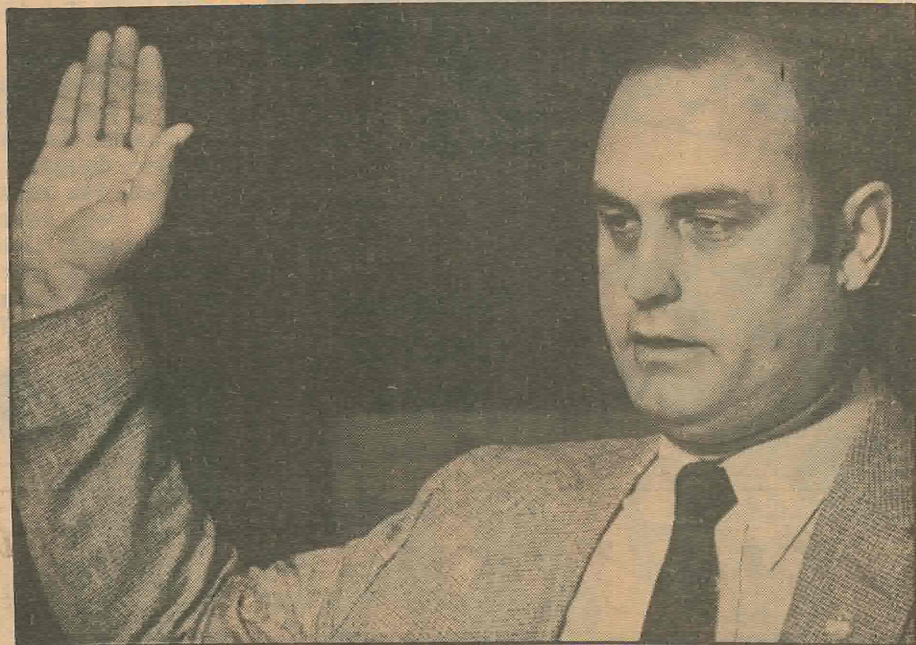
For Rentz, it was a bittersweet moment.

"I wished all the officials the best of luck," he said, "but at the same time it's always sad to leave an office. It comes about sooner or later, though."

Raymond Matkin was sworn in to replace Rentz.

Matkin said he was looking forward to taking on the challenges facing McLennan County.

"We have a lot ahead of us, one thing being renegotiating the contract for



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District Clerk Joe R. Johnson was among the elected McLennan County officials sworn in Wednesday

the funding of the library with the city of Waco," he said. "We're also probably going to give the people a chance to vote on a county sales tax. There are a lot of challenges, but my only goal is to do the best job I can."

Incumbent Jim Lewis, who won in Precinct 2, and newcomer Ray Mead-

ows, who defeated incumbent Don Cantrell, were seated on the commissioners court.

Outside the courthouse on the front lawn, Joe N. Johnson, the former justice of the peace, was sworn in as 170th

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