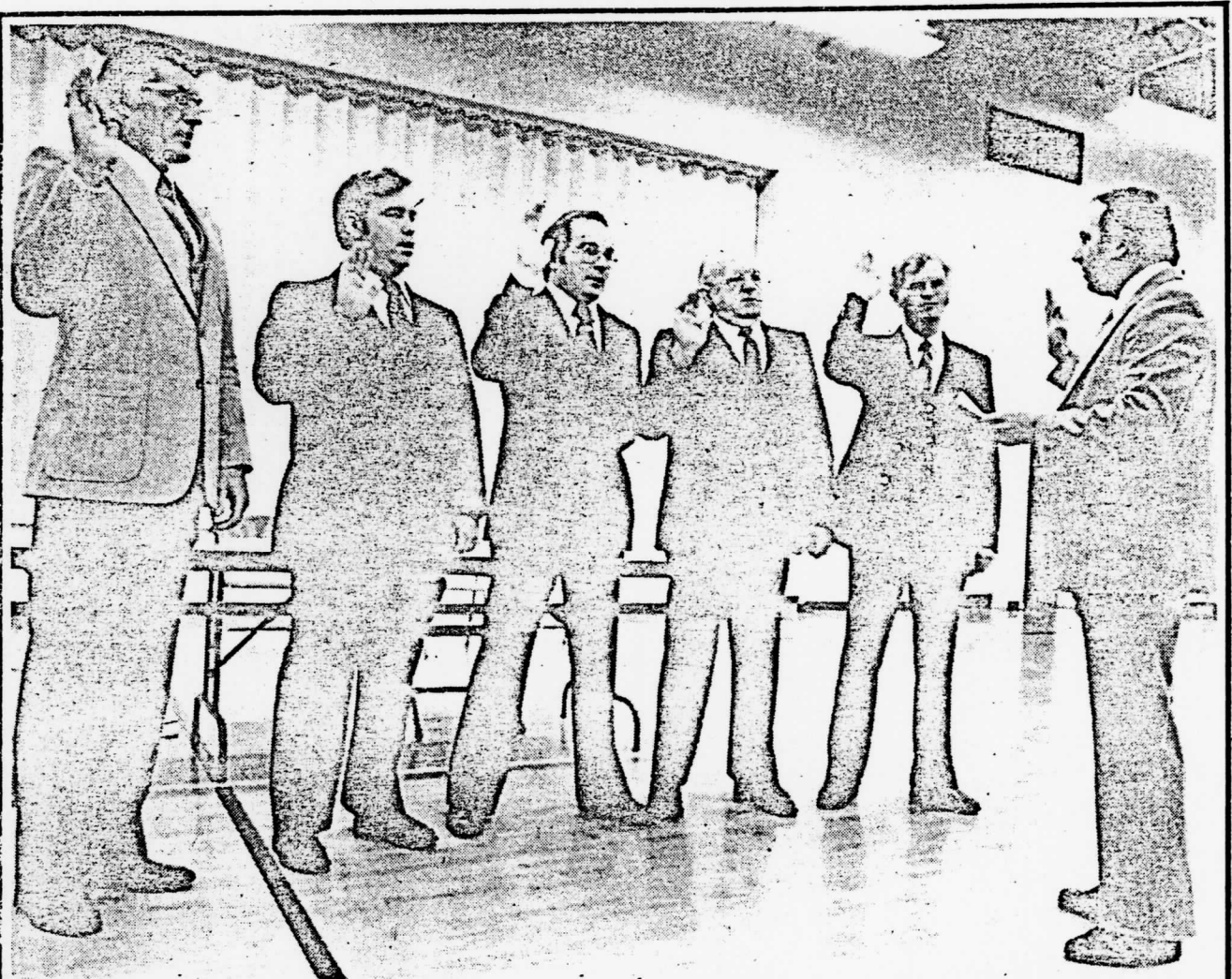




It's the Talk of the Town

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(John E. Simon)

Oath of office — In a historic ceremony, the Daleville Town Board was sworn into office by Delaware County Clerk Scott Hole. From left, are Don Chambers, Bruce Bailey, Dave Shellabarger, Arthur Schlegel Jr. and Norman Levell.

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Daleville government official

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DALEVILLE — The governing body of the newly incorporated town of Daleville became official Wednesday during a history-making ceremony.

Five town board members and Clerk-treasurer Ellen Rose Nixon were sworn in before a crowd of about 60 townspeople. The oath was administered by Delaware County Clerk Scott Hole.

BEING SO CLOSE to Christmas, the ceremony couldn't have taken place at a more appropriate time, Hole remarked. Christmas symbolizes the birth of Christ and the town of Daleville is also experiencing a birth, he said.

Hole presented a set of Indiana code books as a gift to the board. "This gift is just another part of making the town official," he said. "If anything makes you official, it's the law books."

In order of the five precincts they represent, board members are: Norman Levell (I), Bruce Bailey (R), Don Chambers (D), Arthur Schlegel Jr. (R), and Dave Shellabarger (R).

BEFORE THE ceremony, Chambers, acted as spokesman for the town board. "You're going to see history made right here," he told the audience.

"You're not going to see big changes in Daleville overnight," he said. "It's going to take time. We have to crawl before we can walk."

The now official town board will welcome ideas from citizens on how to improve the community, said Chambers. Also, donations are needed to help with town finances because budget money will not be available for another year, he added.

"THIS TOWN BOARD will have the rare opportunity of making the first mistakes for the town of Daleville, joked town attorney Rick

Reed.

State Sen. Allie Craycraft-D, Selma, also made an appearance at the swearing-in ceremony, inviting Daleville citizens to call him at the Statehouse.

"I am available with any help I can possibly give," he said. "We look forward to visiting with you and working with you in the future."

"IT TOOK A LOT of hard work to get here," said County Commissioner Bill O'Roark.

"These five members will need a lot of help from you people," he told the gathered townspeople. "Down the road I can see a bright road for Daleville if you all participate."

Because the board will not adopt a budget until 1984, its biggest immediate problem will be a lack of operating funds.

"WITHOUT FUNDS you can't do a whole lot," said Bailey. "Our term of office is to get ground rules set, learn how to govern ourselves and set a budget for the following year.

"What we hope to do is make Daleville a better community — a community that people can be proud of."

The first official board meeting will be Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Daleville fire station. At that time officers will be elected, said Chambers.



Ellen Rose Nixon

... new clerk-treasurer