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## M. Watkins Booth is Named Comm. Atty. of Dinwiddie

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**DINWIDDIE** — Fourth Circuit Judge D. Carleton Mayes, today named M. Watkins Booth of Dinwiddie as the county's new commonwealth's attorney.

Booth, a Petersburg attorney, was sworn in this morning by Circuit Court Clerk H. Barner Batte. He will serve until Dec. 31, 1963, the unexpired term of Mayes who was installed as Circuit judge Sept. 23.

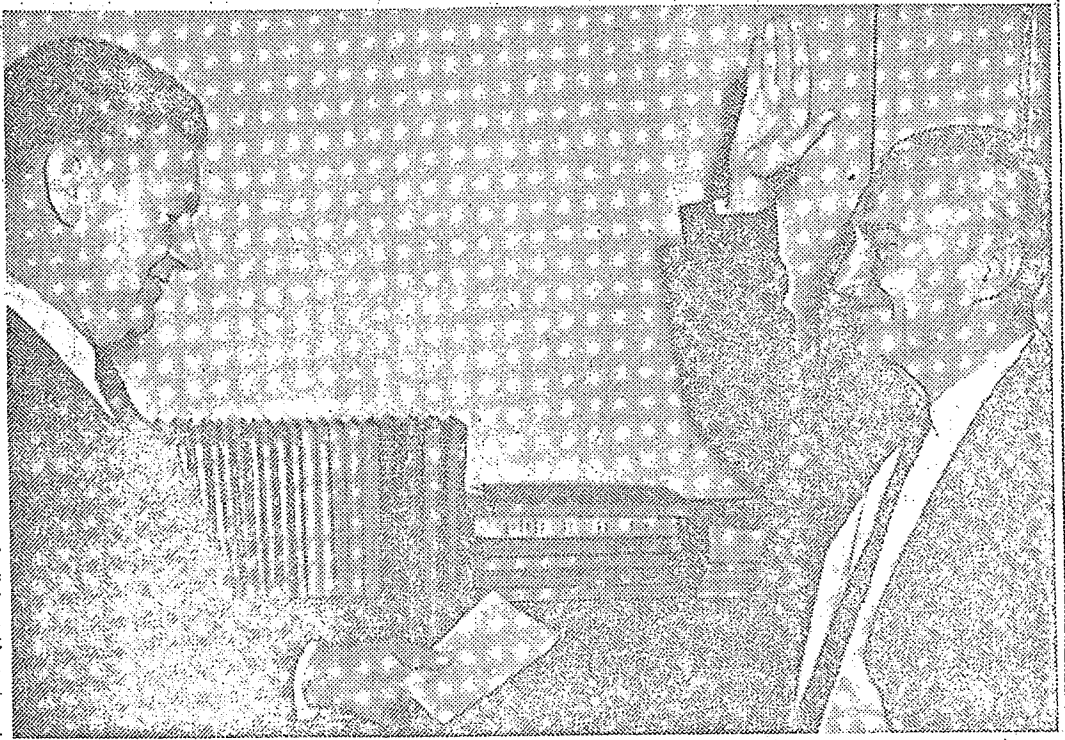
A native of Petersburg, Booth has lived in the county for the past 11 years. He will continue his local practice in addition to serving in the Dinwiddie post.

Booth attended Petersburg High School and graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy. He holds a BS degree from the College of William and Mary.

The county's new legal advisor is married to the former Bernice S. Strong of Petersburg and they are the parents of a daughter, Mary Stewart Booth, a senior at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg. Booth is the son of the late M. M. and Mrs. Booth. He has a brother, Edwin, of Bedford, and a sister, Mrs. G. G. Willinger of Baltimore, Md.

Booth is a past president of the Petersburg Bar Association, a member of the Virginia State Bar Association and a former member of the Petersburg Lions Club. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and he and Mrs. Booth live on Vaughan Road in Dinwiddie County.

In Petersburg he is a member of the legal firm of Booth and Cralle.



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**BOOTH SWORN IN**—M. Watkins Booth, (right) was sworn in this morning as Dinwiddie County commonwealth's attorney by Circuit Court clerk H. Barner Batte. Booth was named to the post by Fourth Circuit Judge D. Carleton Mayes and will serve Mayes' unexpired term which ends Dec. 31, 1963. Booth is a resident of Dinwiddie County and a member of the Petersburg law firm of Booth and Cralle.