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## New Masonic Head

### Ruric Gill, Jr. Master

Ruric Gill, Jr. and other officers of Zebulon Masonic Lodge, No. 609 for 1960 were installed Monday night by District Deputy Ralph Bunn.

The installation ceremonies were held in the lodge building on East Horton Street.

Gill succeeds Horace Smith as the new Master of the lodge here. He was born January 3, 1930, and is one of three children of Mr. and Mrs. Ruric Gill, Sr.

After graduating from Wakelon High School in 1950, he became associated with his father and uncle, Dabney Gill, at Gill Buick Co. He holds a sales position with this company. Since he has been with the company he has received additional schooling and training in Flint, Michigan, with the General Motors Institute and has a certificate for business management.

He spent year in the Air Force. Gill became a member of the Zebulon lodge in 1952. He also is a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner, holding membership with the Wilmington Consistory.

He is a member of the Zebulon Baptist Church where he served on the Junior Board of Deacons.

He is a member of American Legion Post No. 33, and Wakelon School PTA, where he serves on the Ways and Means Committee.

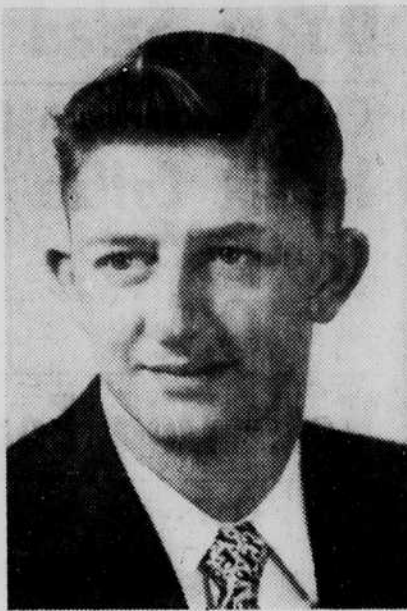
The new Master is actively associated and interested in Masonic work. He said he considers it a "great honor" to head the local Masons, and he foresees a "very successful year."

During his tenure he hopes to see the lower floor of the lodge completed with banquet tables and kitchen equipment.

His hobbies include boating, out door camping and water skiing, his first love. On weekends during the summer he and his family, and oftentimes friends, take to the lakes and seashores.

Gill is 5-10, weighs 185 pounds, and has light brown hair and hazel eyes.

He is married to the former Mary Sue Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Long of Zebulon. Their marriage took place July 15, (Continued on Page 4)



### 150 Telephones Are Gained In This Area

Telephone growth in the Zebulon area for 1959 showed a gain of approximately 150 telephones.

Southern Bell added that number here to keep pace with the area's continued growth and progress, Ned Huffman, District Manager, announced today.

To expand and improve service, an average of over \$172,000 was spent every working day of the year on telephone construction in North Carolina, Huffman said.

In meeting the state's telephone needs the company gained more telephones in 1959 than in any previous year, adding approximately 53,000 phones. This is an increase of nearly 10 per cent over 1958.

Southern Bell's total outlay on construction and expansion in the State was over \$28 million in 1959. The payroll for its approximately 5,500 employees in the State amounted to over \$26 million.

Over \$1 million was spent in the Raleigh area with approximately \$45,000 being used to add additional telephone facilities in the Zebulon area.

## Garden Club

Mrs. John Mattox of Wendell will discuss evergreens—indoors and outdoors—at the Carmen Flowers Garden Club when it meets Monday night at the home of Mrs. Theo. B. Davis, with Mrs. Ferd Davis co-hostess.

A prize will be offered by the club at this meeting for the best bird house or feeding station built by a school child. These projects by the children will be on display.

## Zebulon Methodist Church Will Be Host To Sub-District

The Methodist Youth will be host on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 to the MYF'ers of the Louisburg Sub-District. The Zebulon young people are expecting some 75 MYF'ers to be present. The Sub-District Rally is a quarterly event for the Methodist youth and Methodist Churches in east Wake County, Franklin County, and from Middlesex, Mt. Pleasant, and Bailey Churches in Wilson County will be represented.

## Neighboring ABC Store Looted of Best Liquor

Burglars took liquor valued at \$442.55 from Middlesex liquor store last week.

The break-in occurred the night of December 31, according to store manager Pet High, who discovered the theft when he went to work Thursday morning.

Some of the best liquor carried by the Middlesex store was taken, High said.

According to the manager, the thieves gained entrance through the back door. The metal door was beaten in at the bottom with

## Inspector Condemns Middlesex School's Gymn, Ag Building

### Tractor Workshop

A tractor workshop has been planned for the farmers in the Wakelon School district, it has been announced by C. V. Tart, Wakelon agriculture teacher.

These classes will be held in the agriculture department and will consist of classes each evening at 7:30 o'clock. On January 11, tractor and tune-up care; January 13, calibration of equipment; and January 14, trouble shooting—determining what is wrong with a tractor.

Each farmer is invited to attend these meetings and other classes that will be announced in the future.

Middlesex citizens and school populace are highly disturbed over the condemnation by the State building and fire inspector of the school's gymnasium and agriculture building.

Loss of the two buildings will mean the school will be hampered in both its curriculum and athletic programs.

The gymnasium houses the lunch room and commercial and science departments.

The basketball team was scheduled to meet the Wakelon team on the Middlesex hardwood Tuesday night but had to be rescheduled for play at Wakelon.

Permission has been granted to use the lower floor of the two story agriculture building.

The action by the inspector came about as a result of a recent change in the code ruling, an informant said.

One source said the citizens and patrons of the school could not understand why the condemnation information had just now "trickled" down to the local school board and county sources.

The two school properties underwent the inspection last August before the opening of school.

News that the gym had been condemned for athletics was revealed Monday. The news of the condemnation of the agriculture building was told two weeks ago.

At a meeting of the County Board of Education with the Nash County Commissioners Monday, the Board recommended an emergency appropriation of \$200,000 for the construction of a gym and classrooms.

No action was taken on this recommendation, one person said. All the school monies have been earmarked for the year, and if money is secured for the buildings re-channeling of appropriations must be taken.

Several of the citizens said they (Continued on Page 4)

## Hot Plate Wanted

If there's an old unused hot plate around your house that's in good condition, then the women of Wakefield Home Demonstration Club would like it.

The hot plate—in case some good soul donates one—would be used to heat coffee and other things on. The club doesn't own one now.

Call Mrs. Harold Green, AN 9-9269, club president, if you want to give the club a hot plate and do a real service for the organization.

## Mrs. Repsie McGee

### Life Has Been Real Test of Courage

Life hasn't been a crystal stair for Mrs. Repsie McGee.

But this widow of 23 years says it hasn't been all bad, either. She, indeed, has seen and suffered through many trials and tribulations, has had the bitter mixed with the sweet, and has had disappointments and disillusionments.

It has been a test of courage for her, a test she has weathered most successfully, first in marriage and then in widowhood.

Mrs. McGee, who radiates a pleasing, pleasant personality, was born Repsie Syvonne Liles June 5, 1902, near Thanksgiving Church in Johnston County. She is one of 14 children—seven boys and seven girls—of the late Louis and Carrie Creech Liles.

The children of the late couple are Estelle (dead), an infant who died, Melvin Liles of Jacksonville, Fla., another deceased infant, Clarence (dead), Jim Liles of Richmond, Winona (Mrs. W. Bailey of Concord), Viola (Mrs. Fred Hales of Zebulon), Weldon Liles of Smithfield, Repsie, Flonnie (Mrs. Dee Ellis of Route 1, Wendell, Ollie (dead), Wilson Liles of Wilson, and Melba (Mrs. Julian Wilford of Raleigh).

The big farm family was a happy one, according to Mrs. McGee. Being a big family there was much work for each to do. But there was a lot of fun and frolicking, too.

Mrs. McGee began her educa-

tion in old Corinth school. Her father had moved his family from the Thanksgiving section to the Corinth community when she was old enough to start to school.



Then there was the old Earpsboro school for a while. She completed the seven grades, all that was necessary at that time.

As soon as she finished school, she married. Her husband was Wiley McGee, a Wakefield native who died July 14, 1936, of a brain tumor. The couple met at Corinth Church when he was visiting

the church for services on Sunday.

This woman with flashing gray eyes framed with glasses said: "It certainly was love at first sight. He was the most handsome man I have ever seen, and with kind, gentle and Christian qualities."

They were married when she was sixteen in the home of her parents. The Rev. Theo. B. Davis performed the ceremony April 15, 1918.

The couple lived for a year with his parents and then branched out on to their own. With the setting up of housekeeping came children. Eight of them in all.

The first child died, then there is Elizabeth (Mrs. Bennie Wrenn of Raleigh), Dorothy (Mrs. Walter Mattox of Spokane, Washington), another infant who died, Fola (Mrs. James Eason of Asheville), Hilda (Mrs. Vernon Fair of Norfolk), Bobby Truett McGee of Route 2, Wendell, and J. L. McGee of Middlesex.

Always a religious and church-going woman, Mrs. McGee instilled religious principles in her children. From the time they could toddle they were taken to church.

She saw to it, too, that they were mannerly and well-behaved. Not that she had model children, she admits, by any means. But she tried and when disciplinary action was necessary she didn't spare the seats of their pants.

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## Who Is to Be Town's Man, Woman of 1959?

The Zebulon Record is searching for the town's Man and Woman of 1959.

List your preference in the space below for both Man of the Year and Woman of the Year. Persons named must reside within the city limits of Zebulon.

All entries must be mailed to the Record no later than January 21.

Man of Year .....

Woman of Year .....