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Miss Ruby Dawson is shown presenting Postmaster M. J. Sexton a gift from the local post office employees. The presentation was made August 12 at a dinner party at Hilliard's Restaurant. Looking on is the retiring postmaster's wife, Mrs. Sexton.

Postal Employees Honor Retiring Postmaster At Dinner

Postmaster M. J. Sexton, who retires August 31, was honored August 12 at a dinner party by local postal employees.

The celebration was held in the banquet room of Hilliard's Restaurant. On the guest of honor's table was a mass arrangement of mixed summer flowers. Place cards and napkins carried a motif of the U. S. flag.

He was presented a silver bowl engraved with "M. J. Sexton, Postal Employees, August 31, 1960."

Entertainment was furnished by Linda Gay, Pam Finch, Connie Perry and Debbie Massey, dance students of Mrs. Frank Massey.

Guests were Mrs. Sexton, wife of the postmaster, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hadley of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davenport of Wilson, (Mrs. Hadley and Mrs. Davenport are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Sexton), Mr. and Mrs. Everett Stevens of Smithfield, (Mr. Stevens is president of the N. C. Chapter of National Association of Postmasters), Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Braswell, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Chamblee, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Massey, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Harden Perry, Mr. and Mrs.

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Local Man Is Co-Owner Of Radio Station In Farmville

A local man has become the owner of a radio station in Farmville.

H. Clold Wade, Jr. and Carl V. Venters, Jr., are the co-owners of WFAG radio station in Farmville. They purchased the station from R. E. Mayo and James H. Mayo last month.

The change in ownership of the station, which operates on 1250 kilocycles, was approved recently by the Federal Communications Commission. The new owners obtained permission from the FCC to change the station's call letters to WFAG, "Watch Farmville Area Grow."

Wade attended the University of North Carolina, before spending two years in the Army as a communications specialist stationed in Germany. He was producer-director of the University of North Carolina's television station, WUNC-TV, for two years,

Guidance Counselor

Tells Of Exceptional Kids

"When the amount of information available is compared with what is known, the average citizen today may be more ignorant than ever before in history," Robert Lee Privette, guidance counselor for Wake County Schools, told members of the Zebulon Rotary Club last week.

Privette, speaking on "Educating Exceptional Children," said that work with "slow learners," was begun prior to programs for the "rapid learners" and gifted children.

Russia's "Sputnik" emphasized our weaknesses in the field of education and led to controversy over "what's what and what is right," he said.

"We realized we had been neglecting the upper end of the scale," he said, and this realization led to Congress passing the National Defense Education Act to assist "able" students.

Thus far Wake County Schools have received \$50,000 through the National Defense Education Act. This sum was made available be-

cause of required matching funds the county could provide through the 32¢ supplementary school tax.

Providing means for additional educational opportunity for gifted students is permissible and desirable under the American idea of equal opportunity, Privette said. "We must realize it is democratic to give a person all the education he can utilize even if he must be put in a special class," Privette explained.

Money from the Education Act has gone into science and foreign language instruction and to a small extent the county-wide guidance program.

After explaining terms used in designating gifted and talented children, the speaker told how these children can be identified through observation by parents and teachers and testing programs.

Usually, he said, tests at the end of the year will confirm what teachers find out through daily observation of which children are gifted.

Some small programs have been initiated to help gifted students. These projects range from a weekly period for library work to college courses and advanced sections of grades in schools.

The methods range from programs giving depth and breadth to the curriculum the student ordinarily would receive to a program of acceleration where the gifted student is placed in a special class or advanced by double promotions. The latter method of acceleration is "not too popular" because the student can not compete socially or in physical games with children who are more mature and bigger, (Continued on Page 2)

To Sell Trees

The Methodist Men's organization decided at its regular meeting last week to sell Christmas trees again this year. This has been a project of the local club for the last several years.

Dick Turlington, publicity chairman of the club, said plans are to canvas every home in Zebulon for a gift of \$1 to be used to purchase the trees.

The sale of the trees will begin December 1.

Town Experiences A Record Year Growth And Is Continuing

Fiscal year 1960 was a record-making 12 months for the Town of Zebulon, according to Town Clerk Willie B. Hopkins. Revenues, expenditures, and growth exceeded any previous year, he said, and the new fiscal year is continuing the torrid pace.

The popular municipal official made his annual report on the town's progress last Wednesday evening to members of the Zebulon Rotary Club.

The 1959-60 revenues of \$97,558 exceeded estimates by nearly \$22,000, he said, and expenditures of \$95,879.04 were the greatest of any year except when a bond issue was made.

During the 12 months ending June 30, Zebulon increased the worth of its physical properties \$28,233.41. The largest increase was \$17,788.50 for the water system, followed by a \$3,079.26 increase in value of the sewer system.

Present value of the town's physical assets is \$372,315. Zebulon owes \$94,000, paying an interest rate of less than 3% on the debt. "We'd like to be able to borrow more money at this rate," Chief Hopkins said.

A new policy of cutting off the water from people who are delinquent in paying their water bills has resulted in a large decrease in water accounts receivable. The first month the policy was effected, over 60 homes lost water service. Now it is seldom water has to be curtailed because of past-due bills.

Reevaluation of property in Wake County brought an increase of less than \$230,000 to Zebulon, the speaker said. Although the value of real property increased nearly \$540,000, personal property values dropped near \$216,000. This year Zebulon has \$2,580,000 in property listed for taxes.

"This brought roughly a 12% increase in property," Hopkins said. "This is not a large increase, because we regularly have an eight to ten percent per year increase."

The new property values meant that people who own real estate are hit hardest by taxes in Zebulon, he said. To make a more equitable distribution of the tax burden, the property rate was cut 10¢ to \$1.75 and the water rate was increased.

Each month \$1.25 from each

water meter's revenue is allocated the special fund set up for improving and expanding the water and sewer systems. This money also must help finance a new water filter plant and sewage disposal plant which the Town expects to build in the next few years.

"We have filed for a temporary permit to continue operating our present sewer system," Hopkins said. At present Zebulon's raw sewage is dumped into a creek. At any time the Federal government can revoke the permit, immediately stopping Zebulon's growth until an adequate disposal system is constructed.

The town clerk cited building permits issued during the past fiscal year as an example of Zebulon growth. The number doubled the average for previous years, and three more have been issued in July for residential construction.

NEWS BRIEFS

On Dean's List

Leary Davis was among 50 freshmen who were named to the dean's list at Wake Forest College. Dottie Privette, who now has graduated, was listed among the 111 seniors of the college who were on the dean's list.

Emergent Communication

An emergent communication will be held at Zebulon Masonic Lodge, No. 609, Tuesday, August 16 for work in the Entered Apprentice degree. All Master Masons are invited.

Ruric Gill, Jr., Master
R. Vance Brown, Secretary

Methodist Men

The Methodist Men's organization will hold a supper meeting Monday, August 15, at 7 o'clock, Garland Richardson, president, has announced. A short business session will be held after the meal.

New Employee

Mrs. Carsey Tippet became an
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Court News

Abandons Crop; Fined

Early O'Neal, rented land from Wiley Broughton to make crop during 1960 after receiving advancement of \$1,156.63 to make said crop. He abandoned crop and has failed and refused to alleviate the same or pay the advancement back to the landlord with intent to cheat, wrong or defraud the landlord. Guilty, with judgment reserved until Sept. 8.

James Ray Todd, having in his possession a quantity of non-tax paid liquor for the purpose of sale, 8 months on roads suspended on payment of \$200 fine and costs. Notice of appeal given. Bond set at \$300.

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Chester B. O'Neal, coming to Eddie Richardson's home after being duly warned to stay away, was disorderly, and assaulted Bobbie Lee Richardson and Mattie Richardson with his fists. Guilty, with prayer for judgment continued until Sept. 8. Bond set at \$300.

Edward Leach, having in his possession a quantity of non-tax paid liquor for the purpose of sale, 12 months on roads suspended on payment of \$200 fine and costs.

Willie Junior Short, disorderly conduct and assault, prayer for judgment.

Otis Williams, disposing of mortgaged property, judgment reserved to Sept. 14.

Toler Cooke, improper parking, \$25 fine and costs.

James McDougal, worthless check, \$10 fine and costs.

George Elmo Jones, failing to
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