

HISTORY IS GIVEN —

New Ridgecrest Baptist Church Dedicated Sunday

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The new Ridgecrest Baptist Church building was dedicated Sunday, June 7, with the pastor, the Rev. Thad R. Dowdle, delivering the dedication sermon.

This is the second building the church has occupied since it was founded in 1925.

Charlie Smith gave the land on which the original church was built. The old church was torn down and the present one was erected on the same site. While it was under construction, members held services in Crawford's Service Station buildings and, therefore, never missed a service. The building fund was started

in October 1952, and work began on the building in October 1956. The actual amount of money spent from the fund was only \$16,000, while the estimated value of the structure is \$30,000. This was due to donations of materials and labor by individuals and businesses.

The building consists of a sanctuary and two classrooms upstairs, and six classrooms and two bathrooms are located in the basement. Three of the downstairs classrooms can be opened up to form the kitchen and social activity room. The oil-burning heating plant is located in the basement furnace room and was installed at a cost of \$1,650.

First Pastor



TO MARRY IN SEPTEMBER

The engagement of Miss Mary Odessa Benbow to the Rev. Norwood Powell Montgomery, both of Charlotte, has been announced. Miss Benbow, daughter of Mrs. Jay L. Benbow and the late Mr. Benbow, is a graduate of Pfeiffer College and was co-worker with Miss Margaret Wilson in Methodist summer work here in 1955, and then was summer rural worker here last summer. Mr. Montgomery, who was graduated this month from Duke University Divinity School, was assistant pastor at the Highlands and Cashiers Methodist Churches last summer. The wedding is planned for September.

The first pastor to serve the church was the Rev. W. L. Bradley. J. N. Downs was Sunday school superintendent and Austin Snyder was church clerk. The first deacons were Gordon Smith, Buford Downs, and T. N. Snyder. Gordon Smith, the only living deacon of the original group, is now chairman of the present board of deacons. Serving with him are Lawson Snyder, Jim Thompson, Sam Saunders, John Seay, Clyde Downs, Wiley Sellers, and Davis Morgan. The present Sunday school superintendent is Sam Saunders, church clerk, Mrs. Jeter Higdon, and Training Union director, J. R. Berry.

Pastors of the church since its founding have been the Rev. W. L. Bradley, the Rev. John Hoglan, the Rev. R. F. Mayberry, the Rev. A. S. Solesbee, the Rev. C. C. Welch, the Rev. N. E. Holden, the Rev. Lee Crawford, the Rev. G. A. Cloer, the Rev. W. K. Shields, and the Rev. Arvil Swafford. The present pastor is the Rev. Thad R. Dowdle. The membership of the church is 174.

Richard Keener Takes Army Missile Course

FORT BLISS, TEX. (AHTNC) — Pfc. Richard C. Keener, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Keener, Route 5, Franklin, N. C., recently completed a guided missile electronic materiel maintenance course at the Army Air Defense School here.

He was trained to perform maintenance on the Nike-Ajax system and associated equipment. He entered the Army in July 1957, and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

A 1953 graduate of Franklin High School, Pfc. Keener was employed in Detroit, Mich., before entering the Army.

21 TAKING COURSE —

Franklin High's Driver Instructor On The Job

Frank Ramsey, Franklin High School driver training instructor, is keeping busy even though school is out for the summer.

Twenty-one students are taking his driver training course this summer. They already have completed the classroom phase of the work and are now engaged in the "under the wheel" stage of the training. The classroom work con-

sists of 36 hours of written, oral and visual tests and examinations. Students taking the summer course are: Steve Bundy, Paul Cabe, John Crawford, Alex Grant, Hoyt Potts, Charles Slagle, Benny Swafford, Martha Ansel, Sara Bryson, Nancy Burch, Jane Castle, Carol Calloway, Barbara Cunningham, Katrina Elmore, Ann Fager, Shirley Green, Linda Shope; June

Wells, Carol Watkins, Linda Whitaker, and Linda Ledford.

there for a small charge per pound, he said.

Area Wool Pool Set In Asheville

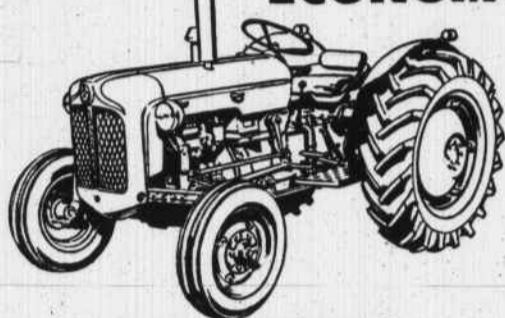
The date for the wool pool for this area has been set for Thursday and Friday, June 18 and 19, at the Adams and Hill Tobacco Warehouse on Craven Street in Asheville, according to County Agent T. H. Fagg.

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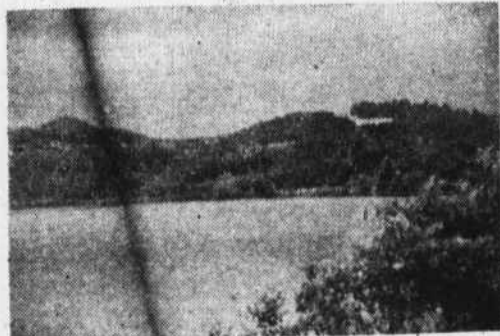
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