H. C. Jackson Is Licensed As Preacher

Henry Charles Jackson of Route 5, Lumberton, was licensed to preach on March 26 by the Antioch Baptist Church, according to the pastor, the Rev. D. J. Long.

Jackson will be available for pulpit supply, other preaching ministries and other opportunities for Christian witnessing when invited by interested churches or groups. His telephone is 730-7045.

Jackson has been serving as a deacon, a Sunday school teacher and a trustee at Antioch Baptist Church, and was a member of the building committee which led in the construction of the new fellowship and Sunday School building which was dedicated in 1971. He and Mrs. Jackson have three unmarried children, and a son and a daughter married.

The pastor and the other members of Antioch Baptist Church commended Mr. Jackson to any church or church group interested in hearing a dedicated Christian man who has for some time been a lay preacher.

Two New Ministers Ordained By Baptists

A service of ordination recently conducted at Antioch Baptist Church had unusual facets. For the church, it was the first ordination in 50-75 years, it was the first ordination of two ministers at the same time, and one of the new ministers is the son of the pastor of the church.

Ordained were Ronald E. Long, son of Rev. D. J. Long, and Henry Charles Jackson.

Participating in the ordination service were Dr. Russell T. Cherry Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lumberton, who made a report from the association committee which at the request of the ordaining church and examined the two candidates for ordination. Dr. Cherry also led in the prayer. The scripture reading was by the Rev. Jim C. Seaman, pastor of the Broad Ridge Baptist Church. The ordination sermon was by the pastor.

The charge to the candidates and the presentation of Bibles to each was made by the Rev. Vance Tysen, pastor of the North Bladenboro Baptist Church, who has been a long time friend of the family and a former pastor of Mr. Jackson. The ordination prayer was led by the Rev. Dr. Henry E. Walden Jr., associational missionary for the Robeson Baptist Association.

The laying on of hands was done by the ordained ministers and ordained deacons who were present from many of the surrounding churches to participate in this ceremony. The presentation of the ordination certificates were made by the Rev. Baxter Leigh, pastor of the Roxier and Zion's Tabernacle Baptist Churches and Moderator of the Robeson Baptist Association. Following the service of ordination, the two candidates, now Rev. Ronald E. Long and Rev. Henry Jackson, stood with their wives at the front of the pulpit, and all of those present gave them the right hand of fellowship and bade them God Speed in the service to which they had committed themselves as ministers.

Ronald E. Long has been called as associate pastor of the Grove Road Baptist Church in Greenville, S.C. where he is working with the Rev. Huford C. Cash, pastor of that church. Ronald has been serving in this capacity for the past three months. He has been for the past three years a student at the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, a school for ministers at Fruitland near Hendersonville.

Henry Charles Jackson has been called as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church in the Robeson Baptist Association where he has been serving now for over a month.