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25th ANNIVERSARY OF PROF. A. O. WAISER CELEBRATED AT WINCHESTER SUNDAY NIGHT

The 25th anniversary of Prof. A. O. Waiser, teacher of St. Michaels Luth. School at Winchester was celebrated Sunday night. It also marked the 23rd anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Waiser. The celebration came in the form of a surprise to the couple who had been visiting friends in Austin during the day.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the large ornament in front of the altar bearing the class motto of teacher Waiser's class, who were graduated with him at Seward, Nebraska 25 years ago: "For The Love of Christ." Rev. Rathgeber used as the text of his address: "O, give thanks unto the Lord for he is good, and his mercy endureth forever."

At the conclusion of the service a number of congratulatory messages were read by the pastor from some of teacher Waiser's former pupils, from some of his colleagues and from the congregation he served prior to his coming to Winchester at Riesel, Texas where he had been a teacher for 13 years.

The president of the congregation, Mr. Ernest Schultz extended to Mr. and Mrs. Waiser the congratulations of the members and presented them with a nice gift from the congregation, for which teacher Waiser expressed his heartfelt thanks in a few well chosen words.

After the church service a lunch consisting of sandwiches, coffee and cake was served in the school which is close to the church.

Besides the congregation quite a few visitors were present including several families from Giddings. A number of pastors and teachers including some from Lee and Bastrop Counties were also present to extend their congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Waiser.