

## Anniversary

**DIME BOX.**—Trinity Lutheran Congregation of Dime Box celebrated its 50th anniversary Sunday, July 30. The Rev. H. Hartfield was the speaker for the occasion, delivering two very inspirational sermons to the large crowd in attendance.

Members of the congregation served free barbecue to all in attendance.

Following is a brief history of the congregation:

In the fall of 1900 a small group of Lutherans at Dime Box, desiring to have the Word of God proclaimed in their community, requested the Rev. Kupfernagel of Lexington, to conduct divine services for them at Dime Box. This the Rev. Kupfernagel was glad and willing to do. First services were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Karcher. Later, a vacant house located near the site of the present church, became available and was used as the House of Worship.

After a few months of service by the Rev. Kupfernagel, the Rev. Hugel of Loebau served this small group of Lutherans as long as he remained in Loebau. Then the Rev. Osthoff of Lincoln served for a short while. After this Dime Box was again served from Lexington, the Rev. Hellman being the pastor there at that time. Now, however, services were being conducted in the school house located on the Frank Hannes farm.

Then, when the Rev. Hellman accepted a call to Wm. Penn, the congregation was served by the neighboring pastors until the Rev. G. A. Obenhaus accepted the call to Lexington, and then he served the Dime Box congregation again. Now services were conducted in the new school house of Old Dime Box.

After the Rev. Obenhaus accepted a call to the Anderson congregation, the Dime Box congregation was again served from Loebau, the Rev. Durow, pastor. Then the Rev. Kautz accepted the call to Lexington and Dime Box was again served from there by the Rev. Kautz.

During this time services

were conducted in the present building. The congregation rented this building for a few years, then, however, in order to have a permanent House of Worship, they bought the present structure.

In conjunction with the Loebau congregation, Dime Box called the Rev. W. Remmert. He served these two congregations for several years, then, however, he accepted a call to another field, and the Rev. Kautz from Lexington again served Dime Box until he entered the chaplaincy of the U.S. Army. The Rev. Hartfield of the Loebau congregation served, until he accepted the call to Lariat congregation. The Rev. Max Studtmann of Giddings now served until the coming of the Rev. P. G. Brust who served here from Manheim until his death in September, 1949. During this vacancy the Rev. L. Karcher from Fedor and the Rev. H. Hartfield from Loebau served until June of this year. Since June, Vicar Aug. Horn, under the supervision of the Rev. L. Karcher, is serving the Manheim-Dime Box parish.

The congregation at present numbers 175 souls; 131 are communicant members and 35 voting members. Present Sunday School enrollment numbers 37 pupils and is taught by four teachers.

In 1926 the congregation purchased its first organ. Prior to that time the singing was done without music. Mrs. Max Spitzenberger has served the congregation as organist since 1926, with the exception of four years, during which time Mrs. P. G. Brust was organist.

Present officers of the congregation are Noah Albers, chairman; Walter Dube, Eldon Markert, and Arnold Hannes, elders; Joe Mikulin, treasurer; and Roy Gloyna, secretary.

Mrs. Noah Albers attended the first services conducted 50 years ago, and still is a member of the congregation, therefore, the oldest member in length of membership.