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FEDOR FOLKS

By Rev. A. F. Michalk.

"Remember the rock
whence thou art hewn."

Prof. Nehrling, first teacher of Fedor's Parochial School later became an authority on birds in the North American continent.

The Rev. G. Birkmann, D. D. more than 40 years pastor of the church was President of the Texas District of the Missouri Synod for years. He is a scholar in many fields. When, in his declining years, his eyesight began to fail him, he began to commit to memory portions of the Bible in the original Greek and Hebrew languages. He could at one time master the entire 66 chapters of the Prophet Isaiah by heart; a task few have ever attempted. He also sent a collection of insects to the World's Fair at St. Louis and received a gold medal.

The Rev. E. F. Moerbe, now retired, served his District for a score of years and better on its Board of Missions. Due to ill health, he will not be able to be a speaker at the Jubilee services, as planned.

The Rev. J. W. Behnken, D. D. now occupies the highest ecclesiastical office of the Missouri Lutheran Synod. He is President of General Synod, residing in Chicago.

The Rev. W. E. Dorre, one of the former pastors of Trinity Church of Fedor, now is the Financial Secretary of the Texas District.

Prof. Paul Moerbe, son of Ernst Moerbe, deceased, has been teaching a Christian Day School in New Orleans for more than a quarter century.

The Rev. Paul G. Birkmann of Hufsmith, Texas, is editor of the "Texas Lutheran Messenger," the District's church paper.

Mr. Richard Melde, son of Karl Melde of Fedor, has been connected with the "Houston Chronicle" for many years.

Mr. Gus Zschech, Commissioner of Prec. 3 for several terms, last year completed a "project" road in Fedor, and is at present busy at another project road out of Blue and Hills territory.

Mr. Otto Domann supervised most of the carpenter work when the church was renovated. Mr. John Melcher rebuilt the chimneys. Mr. Aug. Melcher finished the painting job in 26 days. Prof. R. G. Buuck repainted the altar.

Messrs. Wm. Becker and Wm. Falke are Fedor's ginners and millers.

Prof. Theo. Schroeder leads the Fedor Band.

Boys called to the colors: Ludwig Melcher, son of John Melcher; Karl Fischer, son of John Fischer; Erhard Melcher, son of Wm. Melcher; Herbert Kieschnick, son of Walter Kieschnick; Herbert Jenke, son of Herman Jenke; Erwin Falke, son of Wm. Falke.

Arnold Zschech, son of Gus

Zschech, is a cadet at A. & M. College.

Theodore Michalk, son of Rev. Michalk, is a student at Concordia Seminary, preparing for the ministry. Erwin Michalk is a senior at Concordia College at Austin. Paul Michalk and Edmund Schimank, son of Emil Schimank are attending Southwestern Aeronautical Institute in Dallas.

Mr. O. M. Winkler, Mr. Erich Winkler, Miss Erna Winkler, Mr. John Lerche, are all Fedorites in business in Giddings. Mr. Walter Patschke owns and operates a pressing shop in Lexington.

And so one could go on and on — if someone has been overlooked who ought to be mentioned in this connection, the oversight was not intentional — but time marches on, and the School Bus, taking pupils of Fedor to Giddings High School will soon come around the bend, and this must go with it.