

INTERESTING DRIVE

An hour or more of much interest was spent at Round Top Sunday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Jonh Paulick and Chas. Tschatschula and wife viewing the 75 year old Historical American Lutheran Church of that place served by Rev. Kraulick, a very courteous gentleman who ushered us about the place and into the church.

The building is of native stone of the nearby hillside and is of the sand stone type built similar to the Serbin Lutheran Church, by members of the congregation under Rev. Neidhardt who served that congregation for 16 years, and is now resting in the adjoining church cemetery, which too is very odd surrounded by a wall of the same native stone as the church on a quite steep hillside.

The parsonage too was of the same stone and has been used as a school up until most recently, but which is now being torn down to be rebuilt into a new consolidated school. It was stated that in one room of the house there had been preserved until now the dining room of the deceased Rev. Neidhardt with the table set just as he left it after finishing his last meal and it was stated that there had been 6 or 7 beets on the table that had petrified but which we did not see as they had been taken by some of the folks as souvenirs, also an old Wicker Room set of yesterday, and many things such as horn buttons and odd pins.

The crucifix on the altar of the church is a hand-made one by a Mr. Bauer in 1870. Also something that is so to speak an heirloom is the pipe organ which is hand-made of native cedar, not only the organ but even the sound pipes, by a certain farmer, whose name, however, was failed to learn. The seat for the organist is a newer one, but also hand-made by a Mr. Wiederaender of that community. The floor in the church is native cedar and just now the whole structure is being renovated for the 75th centennial celebration which is to be held in October. The white cover on the altar is bordered by a crocheted lace 5 or 6 inches wide made by ladies of the congregation in the urn and cross design.

Resting in the nearby cemetery headed by nice memorial markers are such familiar names as Weigelt, Krause, Bauer, Noack and others. One especially caught the eye of the writer which was that of a Mr. Charles Bauer, a Confederate soldier in the Cavalry, who died for his country in 1869 and whose letters to his dear wife from the battle grounds were brought by the State of Texas, it states on the marker, presumably as a souvenir or a memorial for the making of history. These interesting views will linger in their memories for a long time to come.