

LOOKING BACK

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Lutherans honor their teacher
Large gathering celebrates with R.L. George on his
teaching anniversary

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R.L. George, the teacher at the St. John's school at French Grove, is popular with his pupils and the members of the St. John's congregation, and to show him some of the high regard in which he is held the members of the congregation, uniting with the members of Trinity congregation of this city, perpetrated a complete surprise on him last Friday, September 9th. The day was the twentieth anniversary of Mr. George's entry upon his career as a teacher and over two hundred friends gathered at the French Grove church at a picnic dinner at noon. At twelve o'clock a short church service was held with an address by Rev. H.C. Koepke, pastor of the two congregations. Rev. Oldsen of Hubbard presided at the pipe organ. Talks were also given by Conrad Schaper, treasurer of the St. John's church, and by Rev. Oldsen, who was a schoolmate of Mr. George. Mr. George was presented with a purse of money as a token of the esteem of his friends.

Mr. George was born at Pomeroy, on March 26, 1887 and attended Concordia College at St. Paul from 1901 to 1904 and Teachers College at Addison, Ill., in 1904 and 1905. He taught in Rock Island, Ill., during the term of 1905-1906 and returned to Addison in the fall of 1906, finishing his course there in June 1907. He taught at Corder, Missouri, from September, 1907 until 1922, when he came to the French Grove school, which he has taught since that time.

Mr. George has made an enviable record as a teacher and in all his teaching has not missed a day at school in the twenty years.